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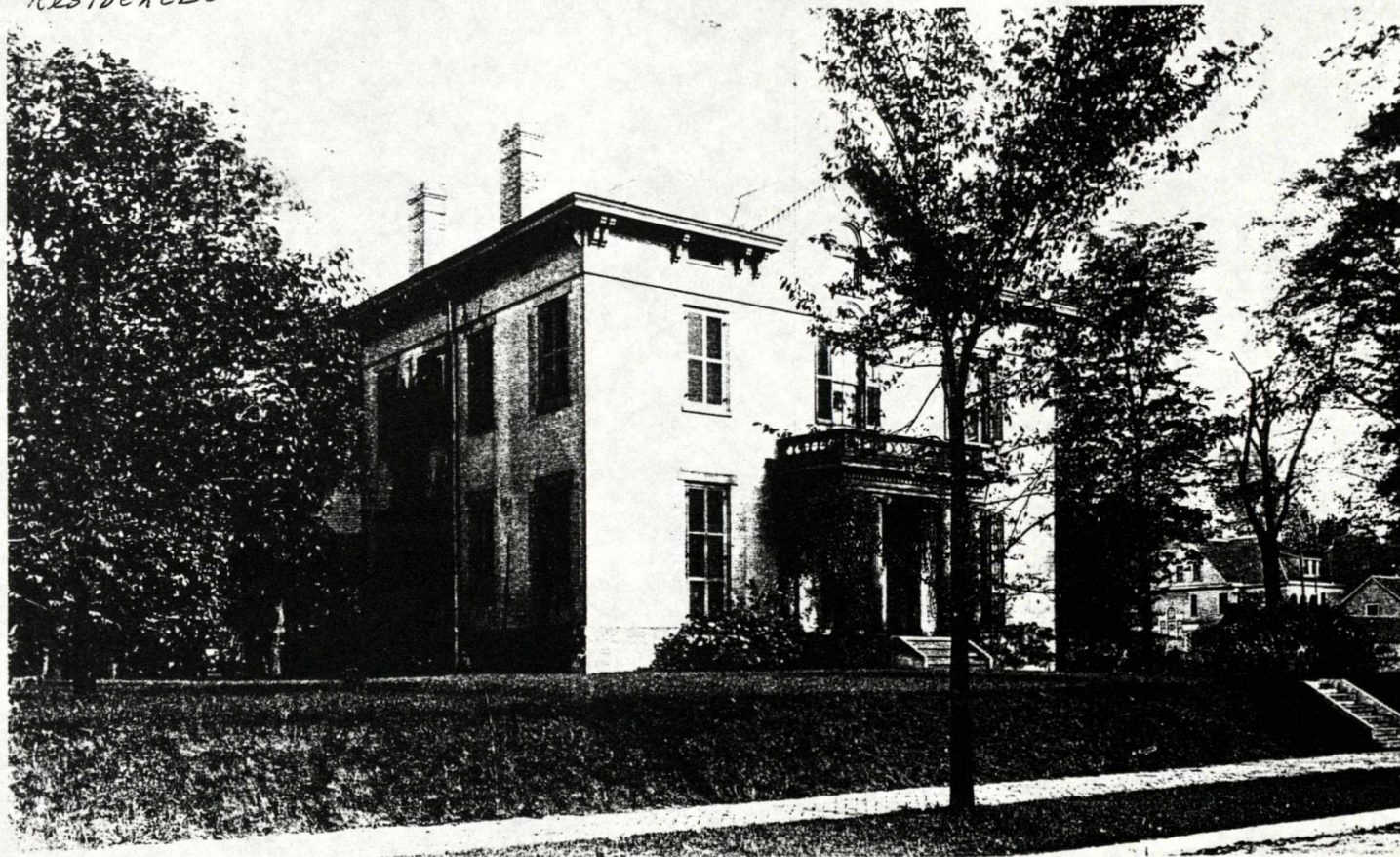


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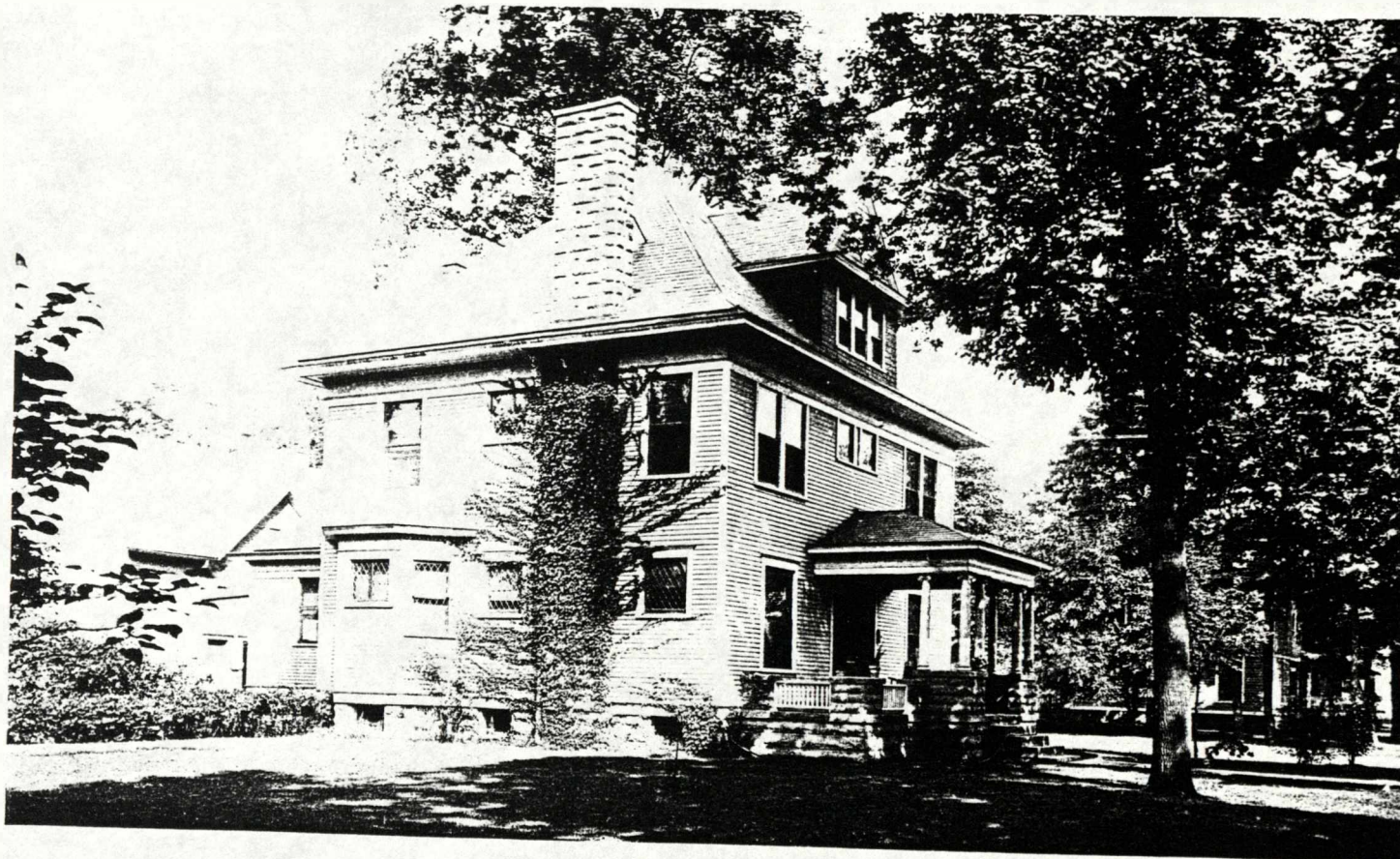
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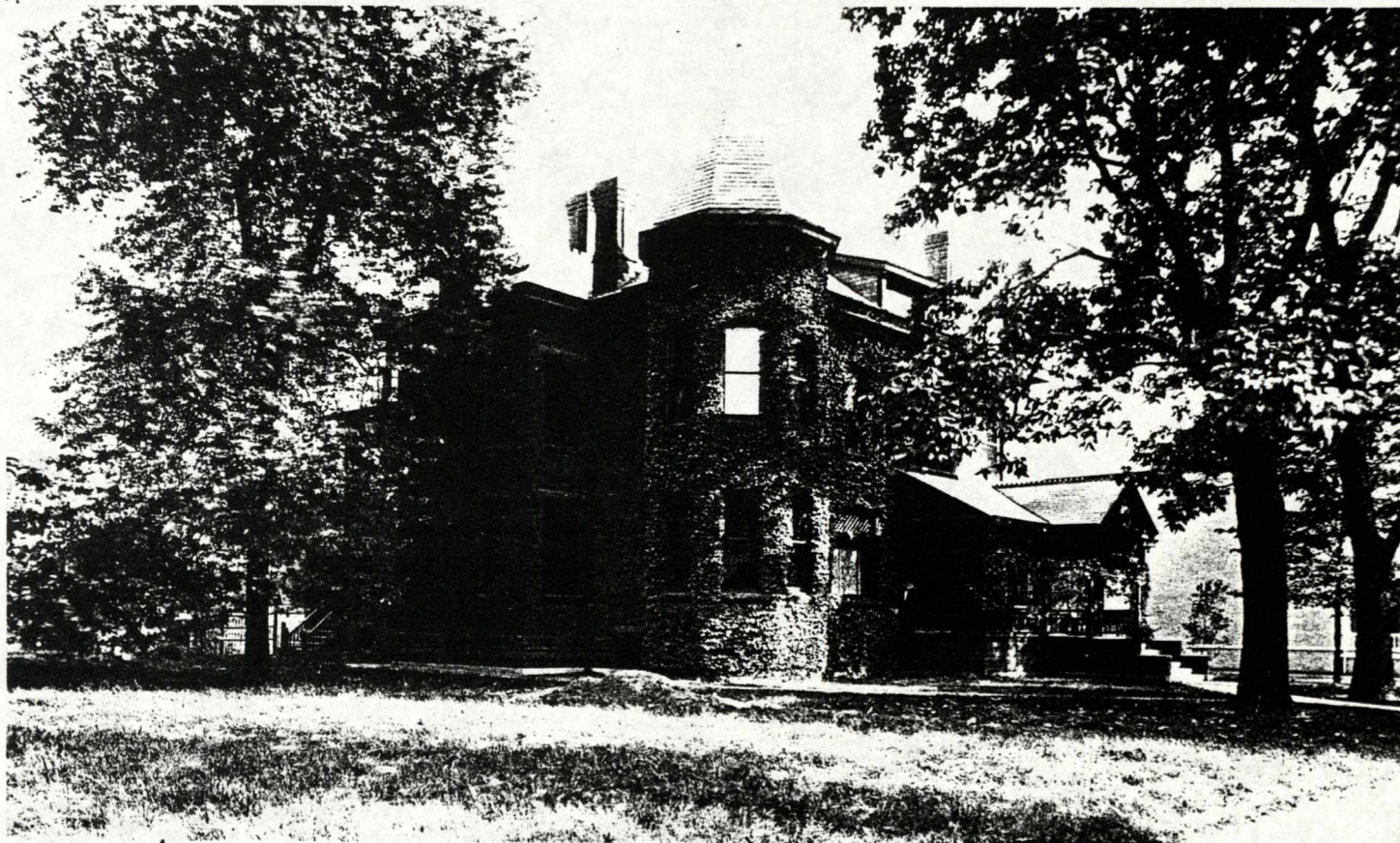
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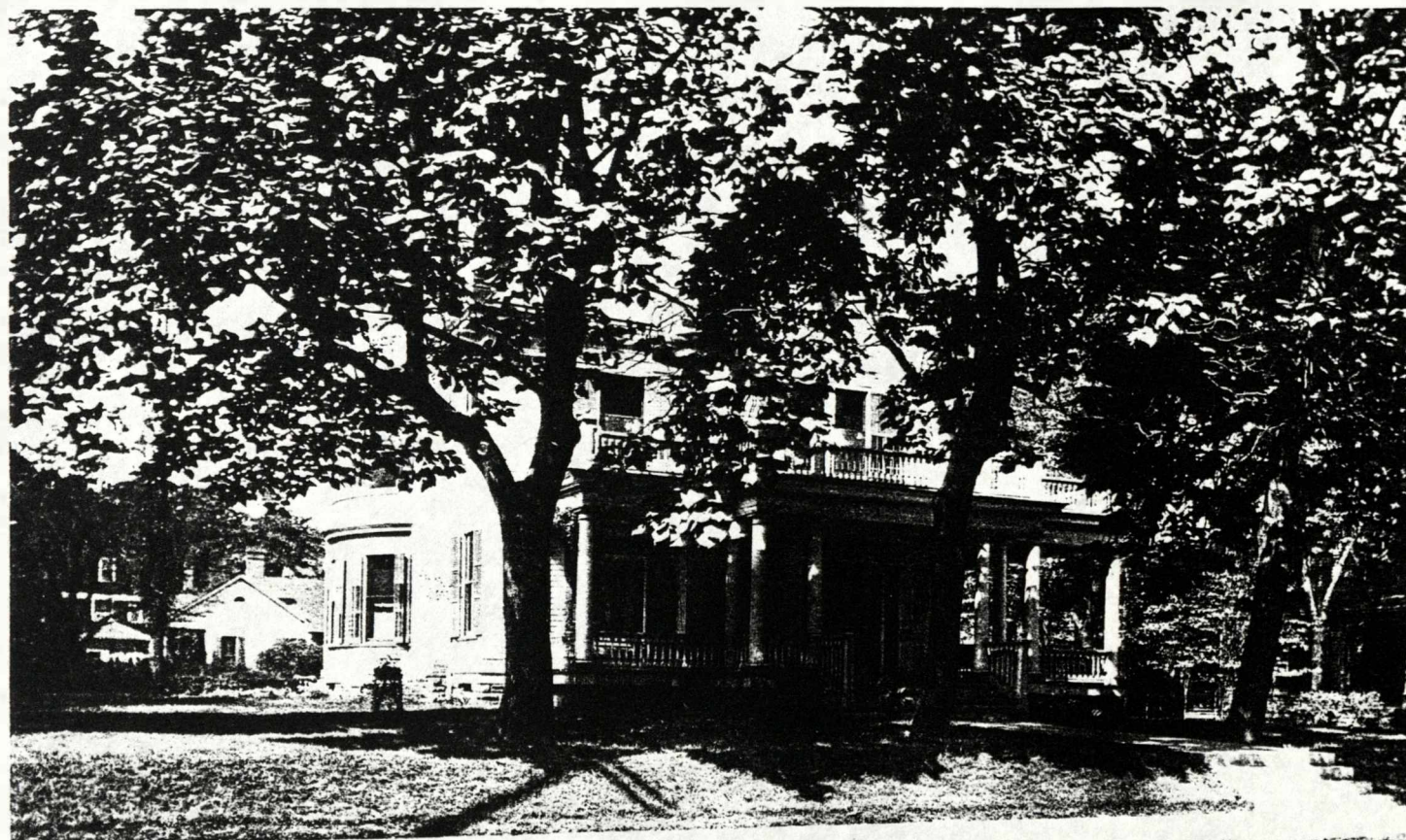
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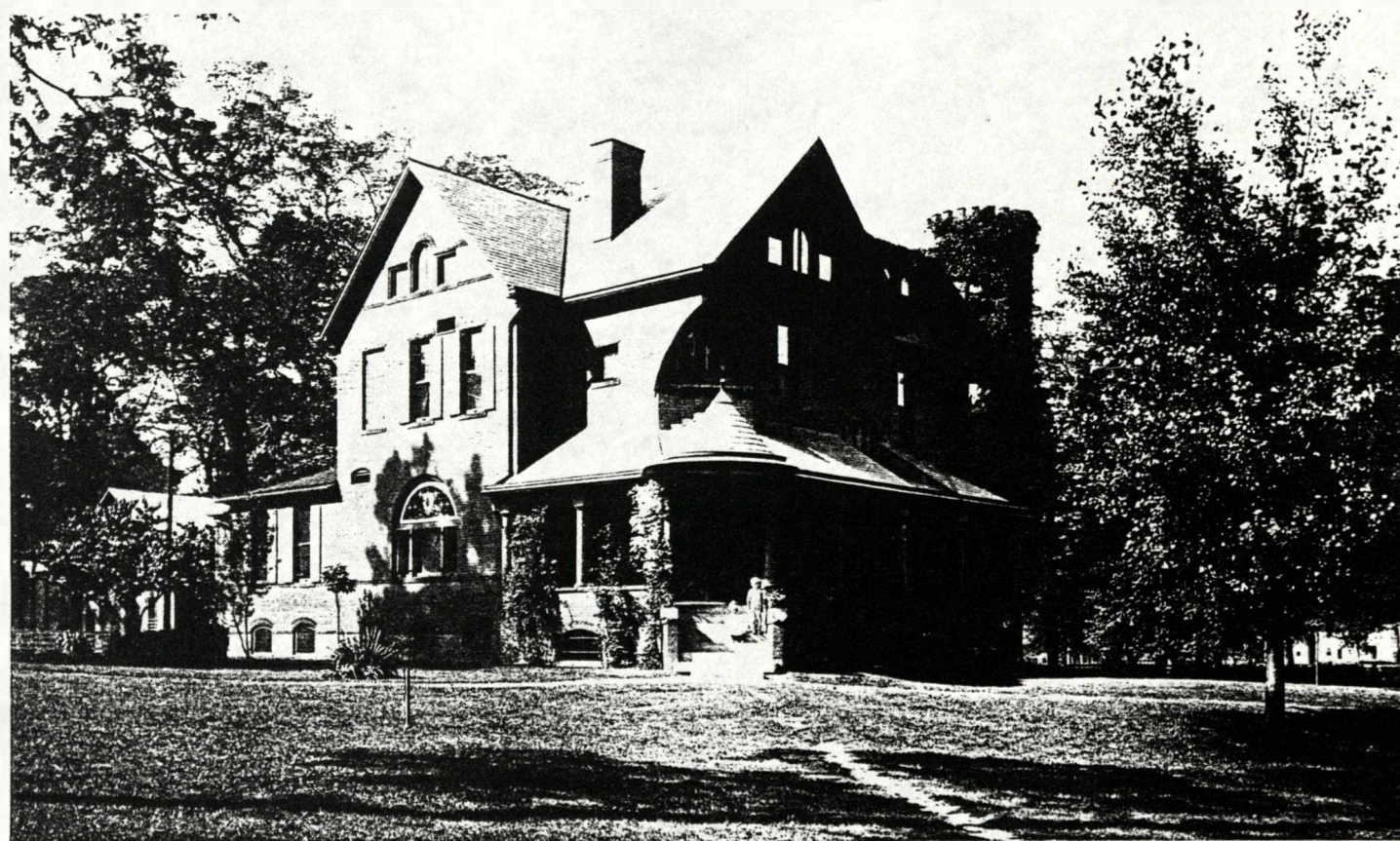
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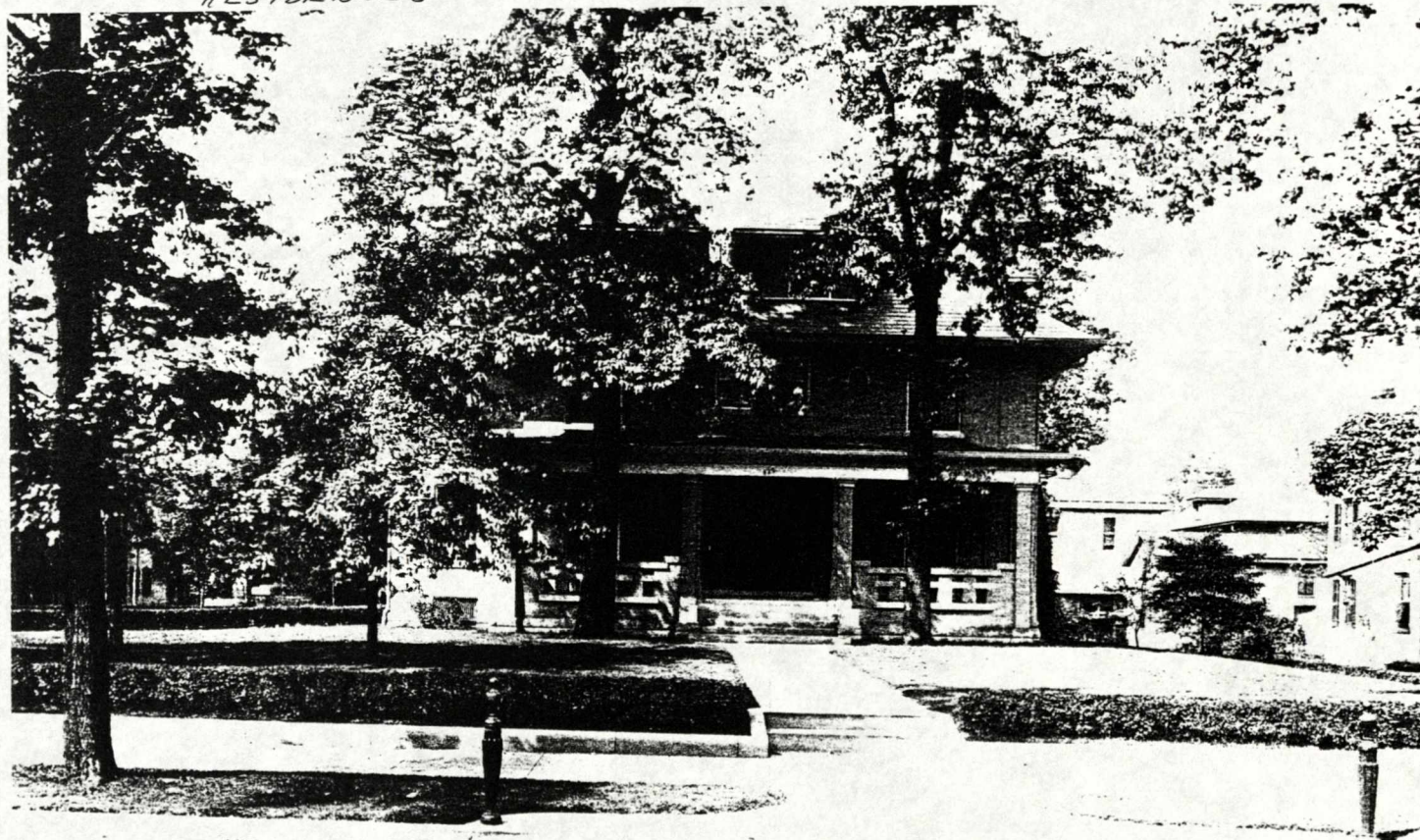
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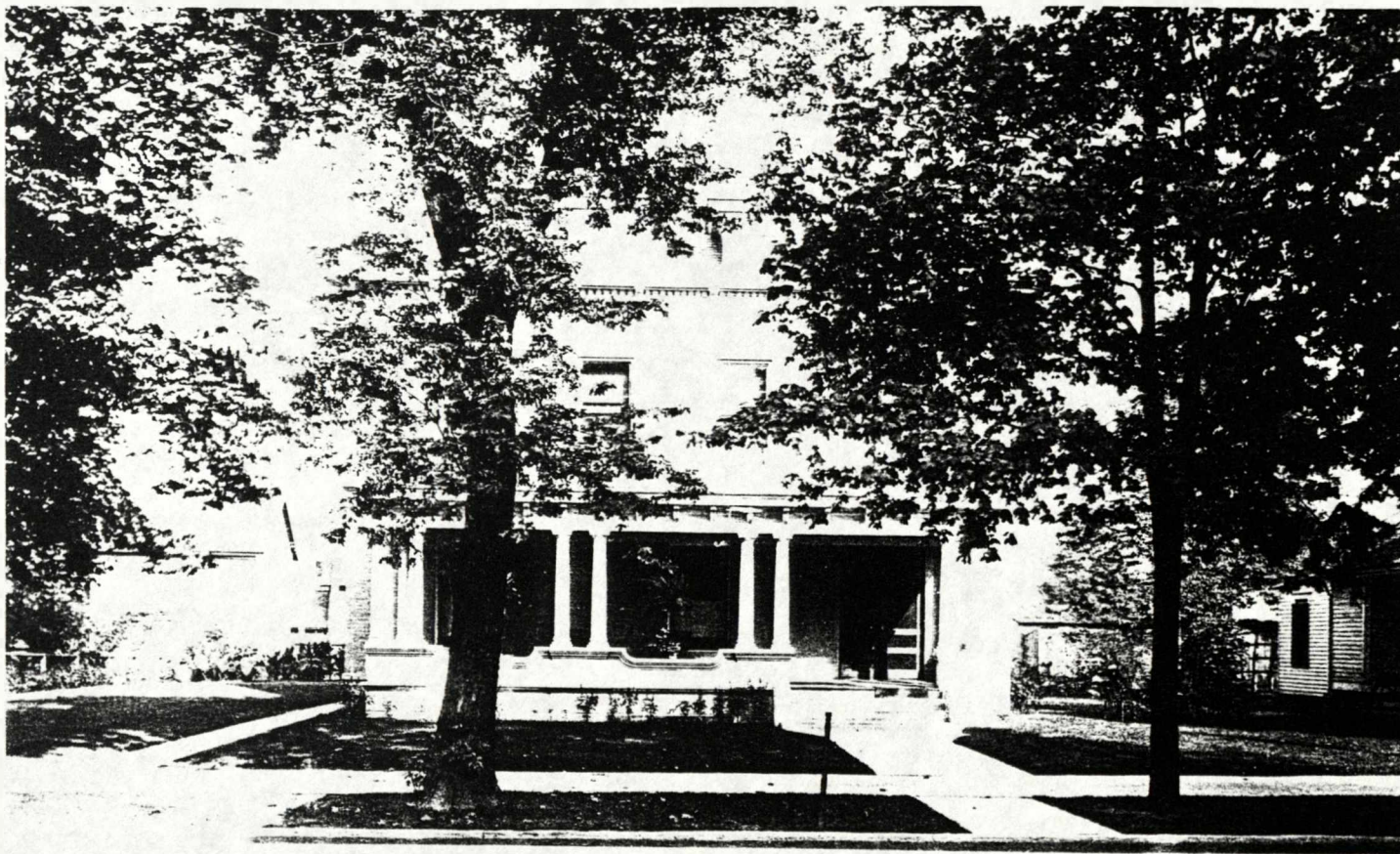
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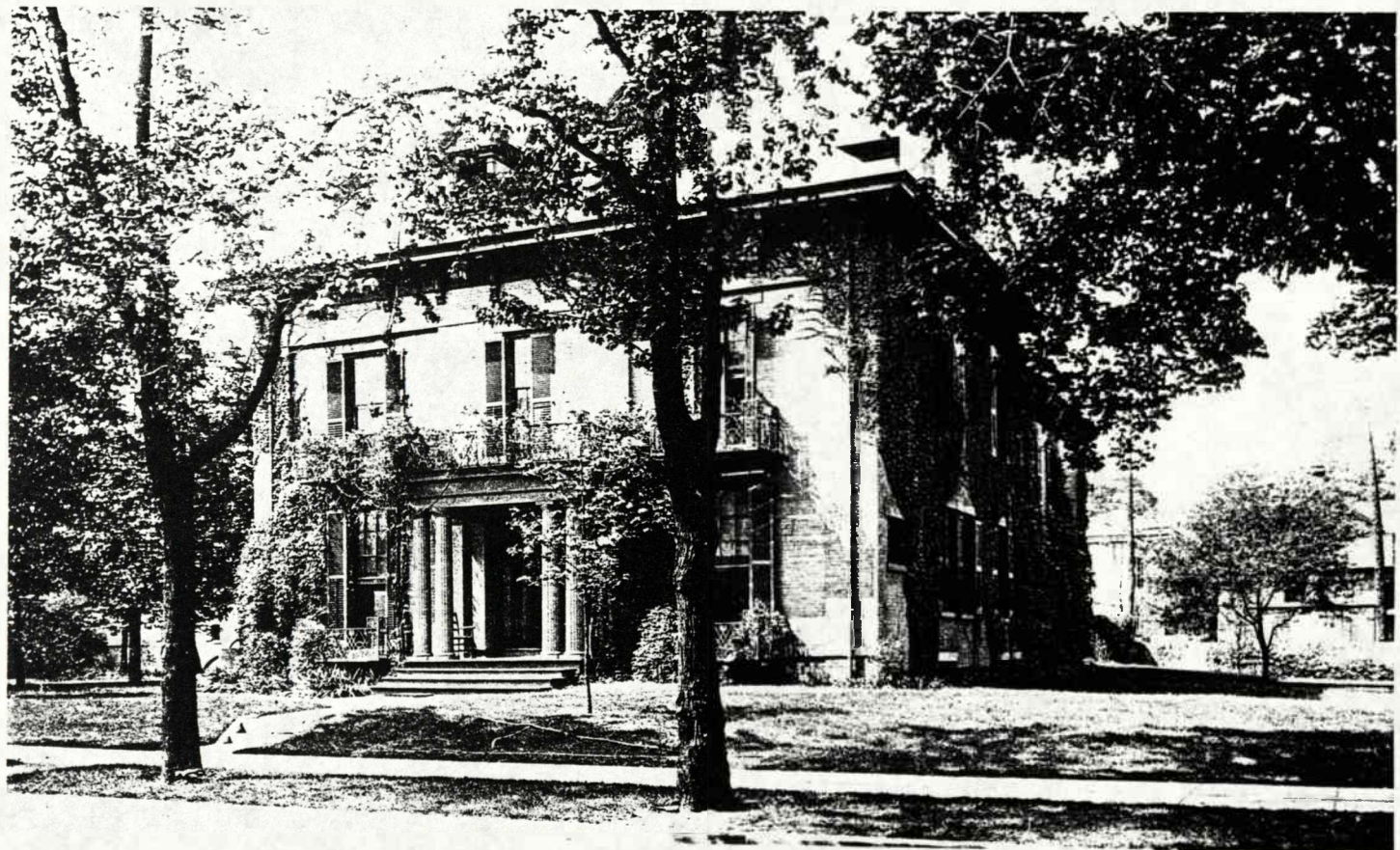
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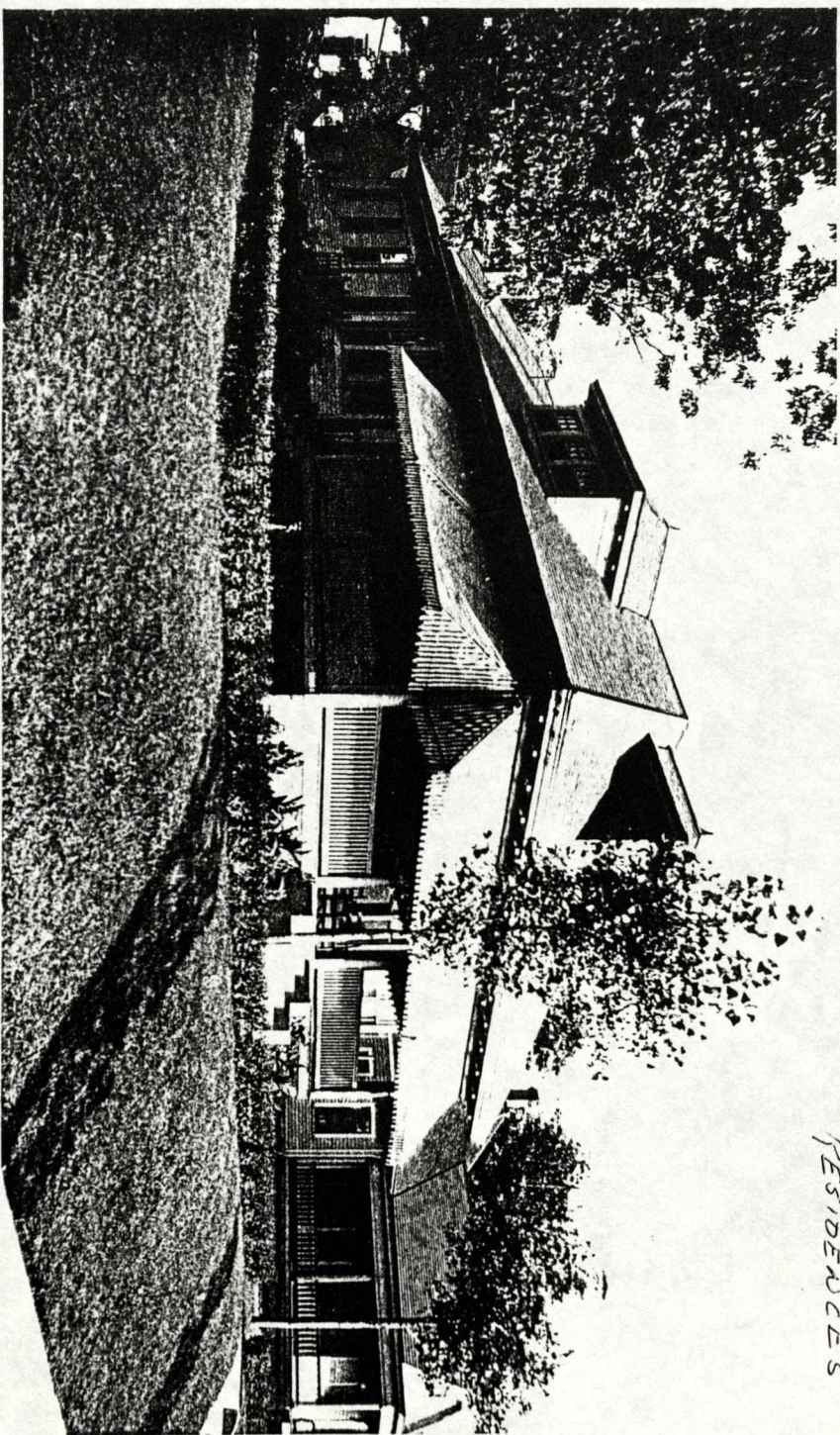
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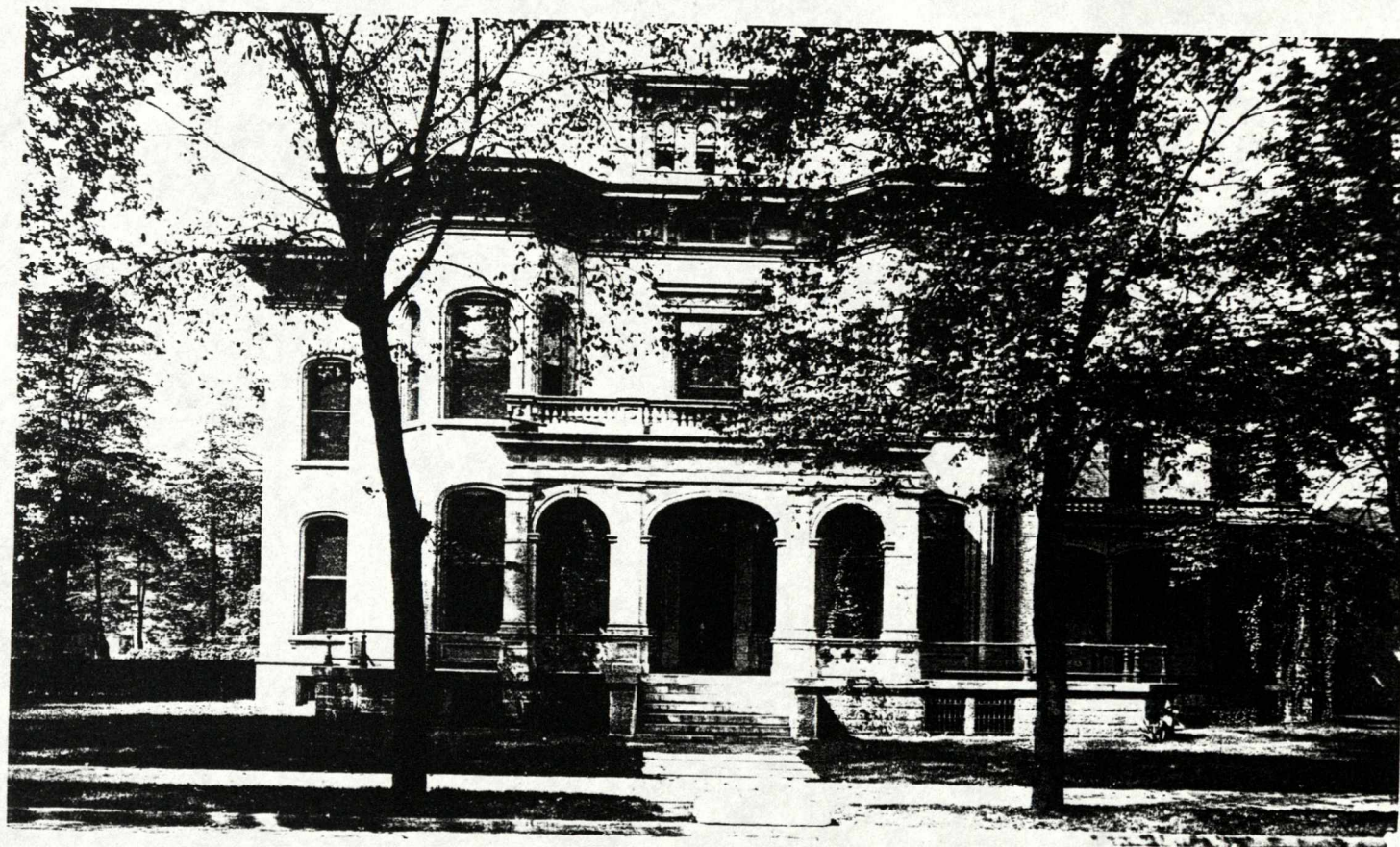
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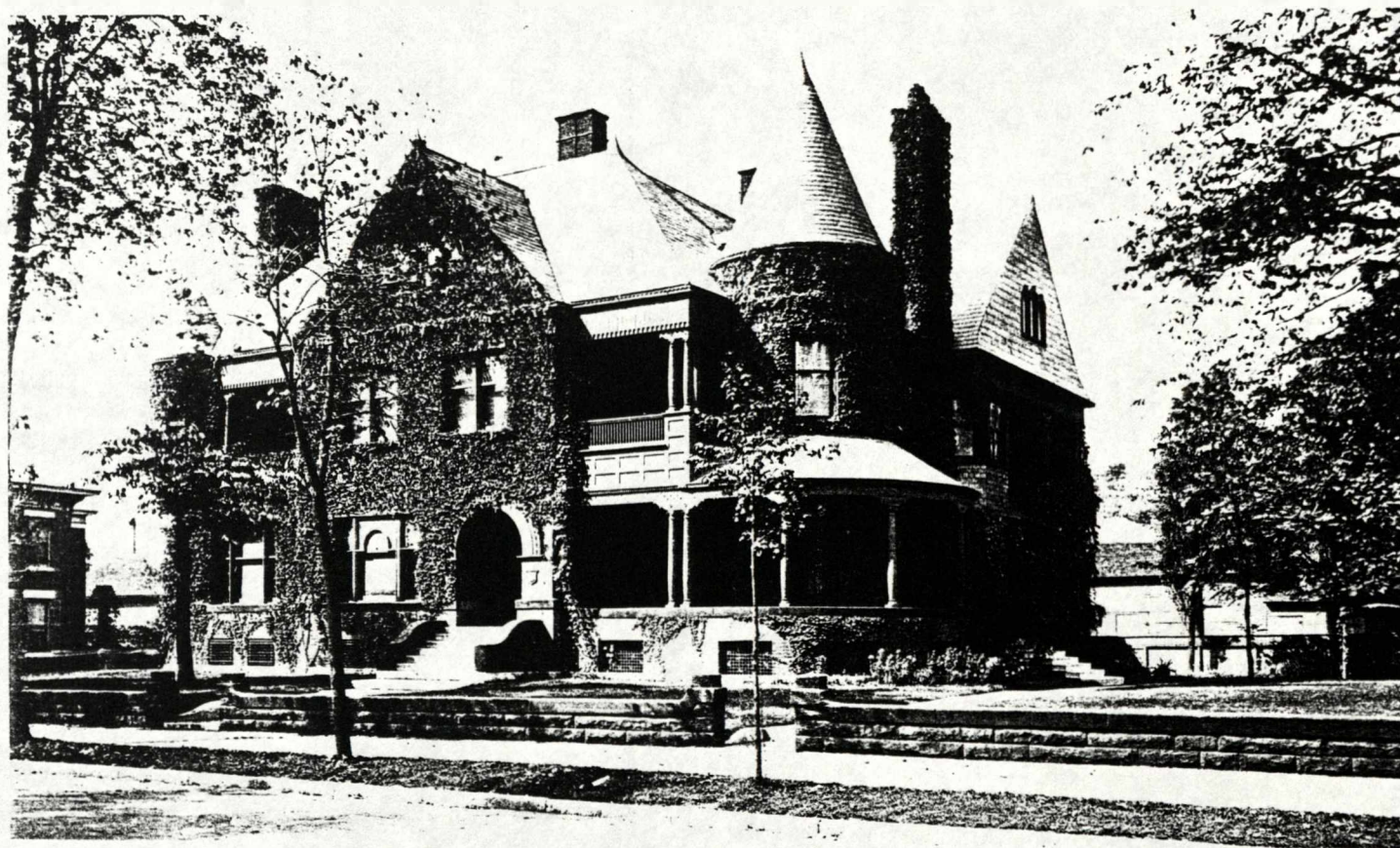
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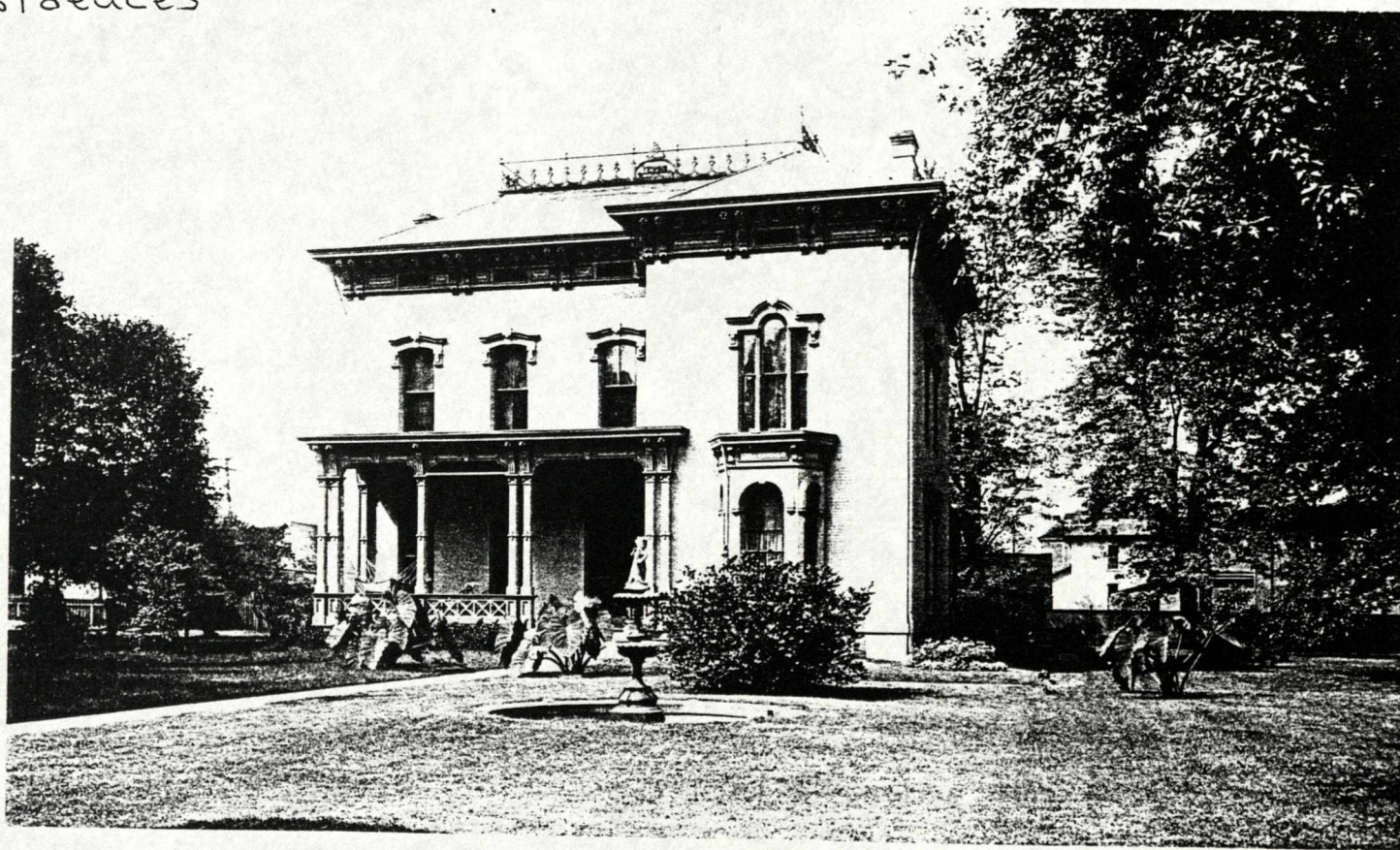
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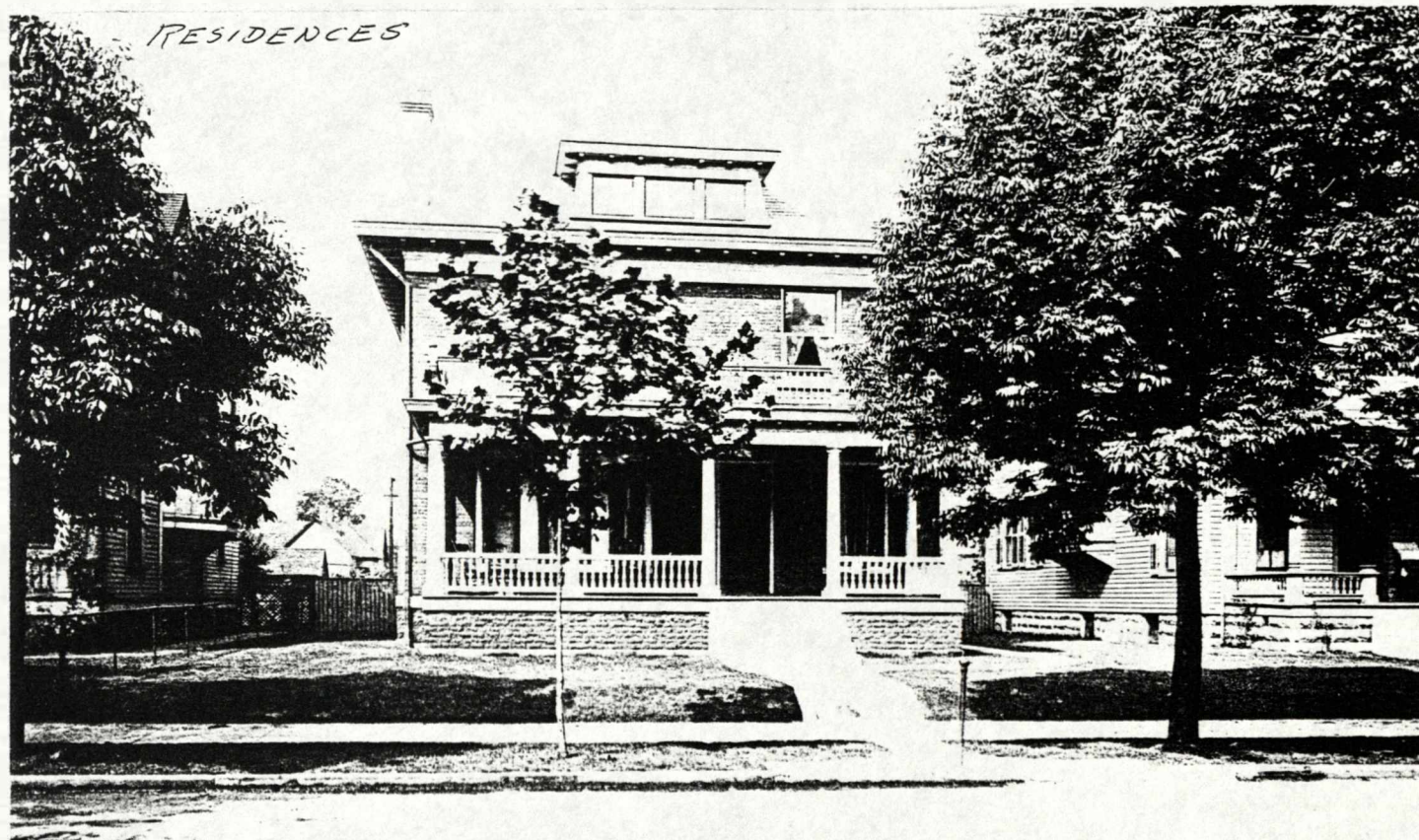
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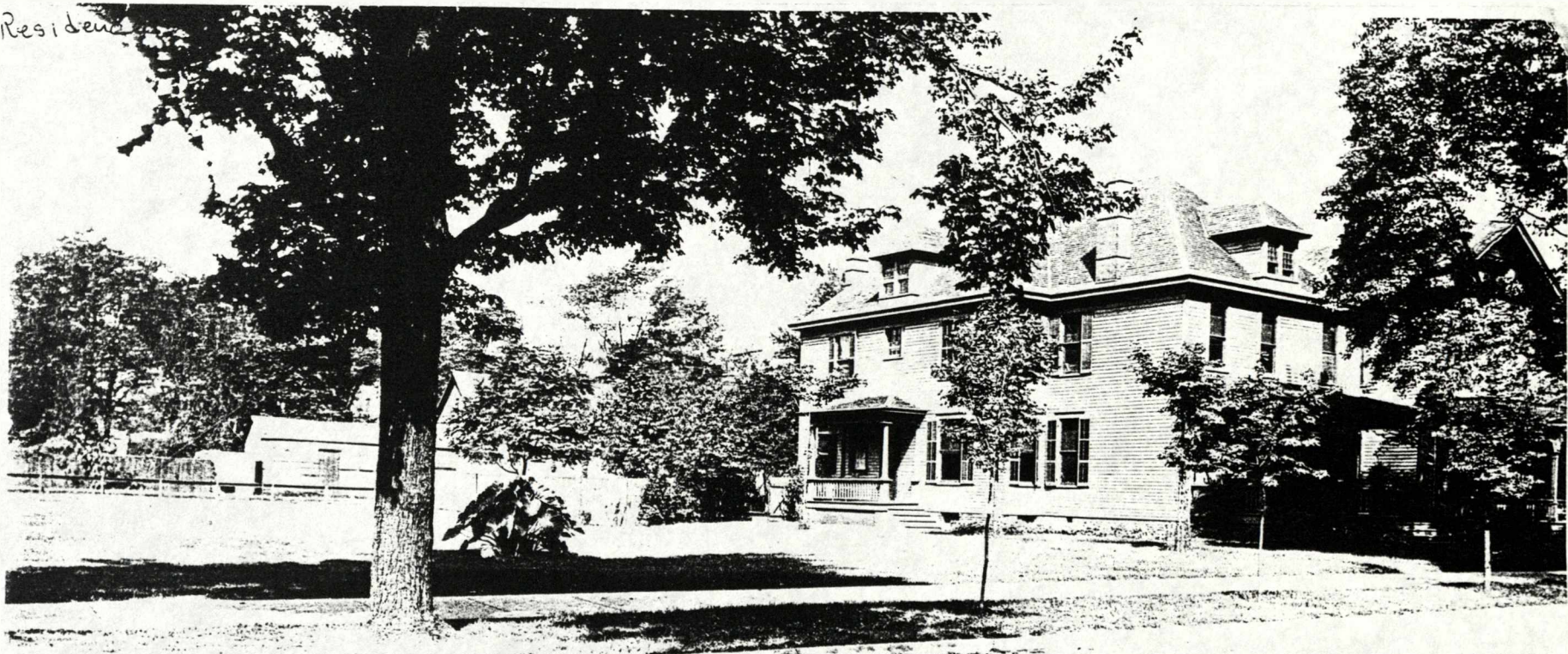
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Historic Landmarks (TH)



TIME HAS NOT GREATLY ALTERED THIS PROSPECT—Fifty years ago the northeast corner of Sixth and Main (Wabash) was occupied by the Buntin drug store. Next door was Braman and Berry's wholesale dry goods. East of that was A. G. Austin's Hardware store, and east of that was the Havens and Geddes wholesale dry goods concern. The horse and the two wheel dray, and the unpaved streets suggest the span of years the picture suggests.

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DEMING BUILDING

BEING REMODELED

After serving 85 years as a drug store, the northeast corner of Sixth street and Wabash avenue, is being remodeled for a new tenant.

Workmen have erected scaffolding on the south end west sides to give the structure a face-lifting, including removal of cornices and numerous chimneys.

Erected in 1867, the Deming building first had the Buntin-Armstrong Drug Store in the corner space. It was succeeded by the Gillis Drug Company following World War I.

The Gillis chain gave up the lease a few days ago and closed the store, which was one of several the company operates here.

Central Fixture Manufacturing Company is preparing the space for the Vanity Shoe Store, now at 602 Wabash avenue. The manager is Jules Schneider, former St. Louis boxing manager, who has been here since the first of the year.

Joseph P. Hurwitz of Steiger Furriers will open a business at the present Vanity Shoe Store location. The new store will be known as the Jane Hall ladies' apparel shop.

T.H. Historic Landmarks 11-1965

LOOKING WEST—The view from 8th and Wabash showing the old Terre Haute House, a billiard parlor, Geo. Eberhardt's barber supplies, cigars and printing and Bement, Rea and Co., wholesale grocers. Across the street, the six-story Tribune Building had not yet made the scene . . . But dig that crazy bus, Clyde!



HISTORIC LANDMARKS - T.H.



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6th & WABASH
ABOUT 1890

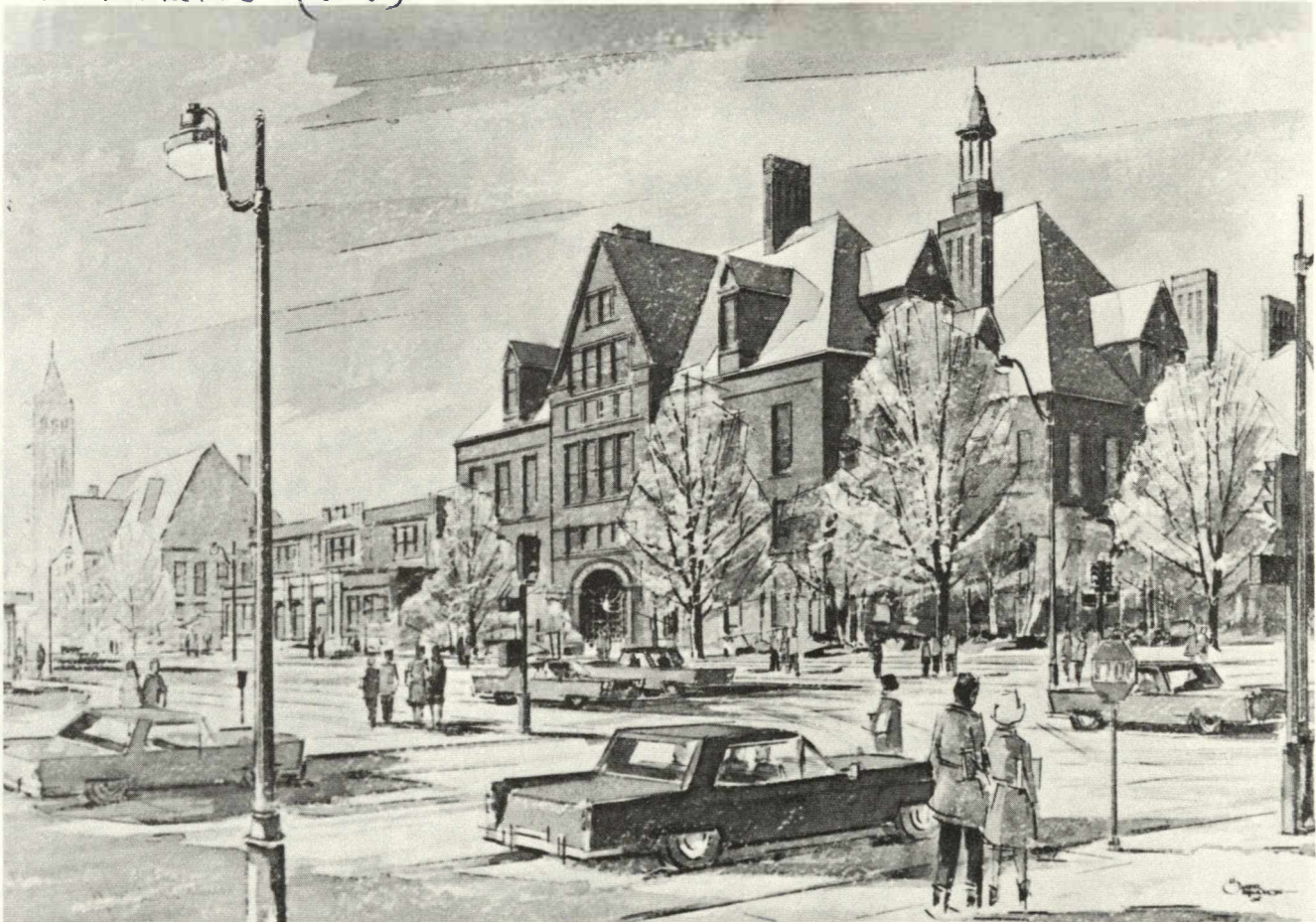
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Gone but not forgotten

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Charities" (2H)

Historic Landmarks (W.V.)



Wiley High School

Wiley High School was the city's first, originally called Terre Haute High School. Its former site is now occupied by the new Vigo County Public Library. The Rose Orphan's Home, located at 25th and Wabash, opened in 1884 and closed in 1964. It was endowed by Chauncey Rose.

Rose Orphan's Home

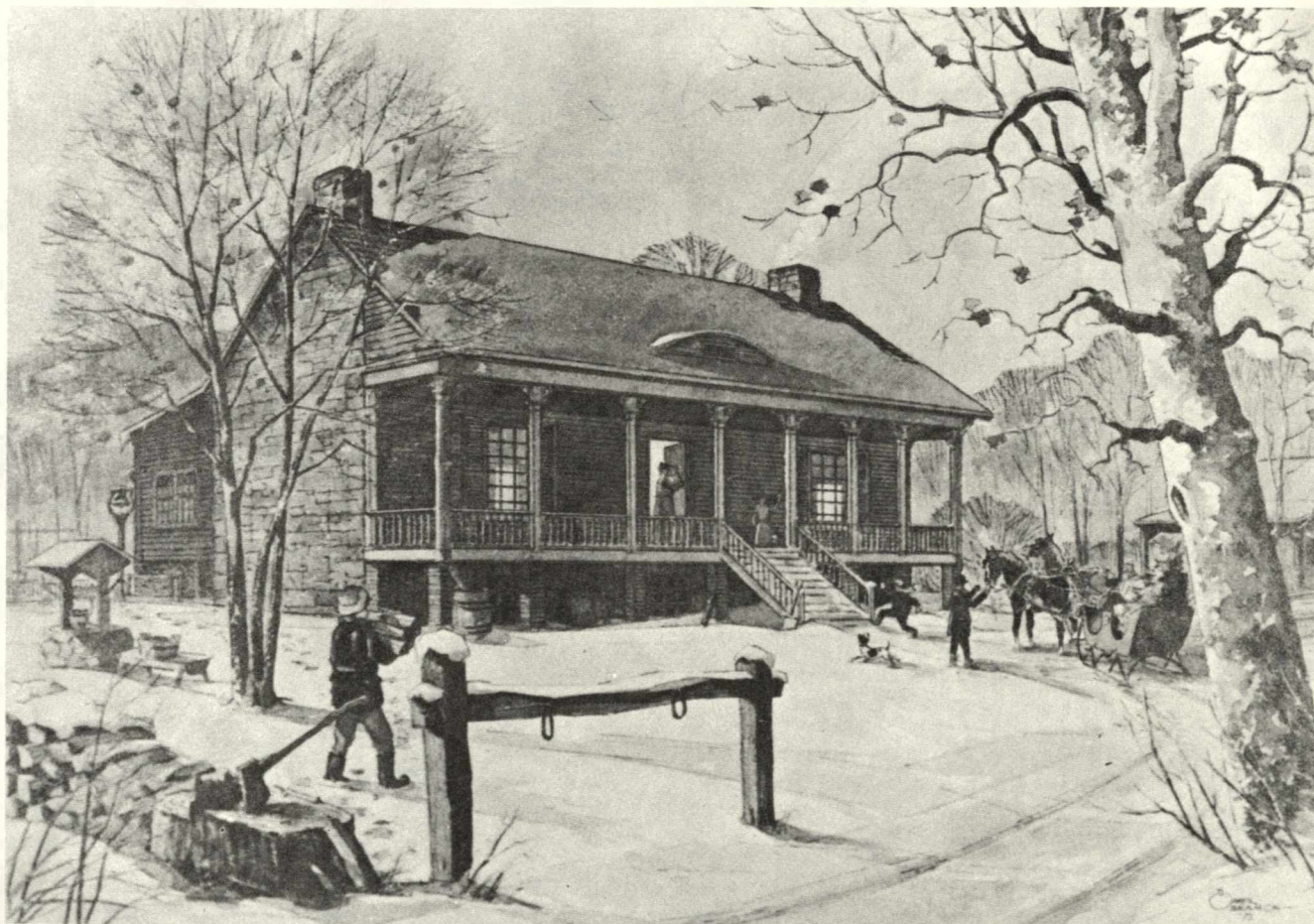


Two famous homes

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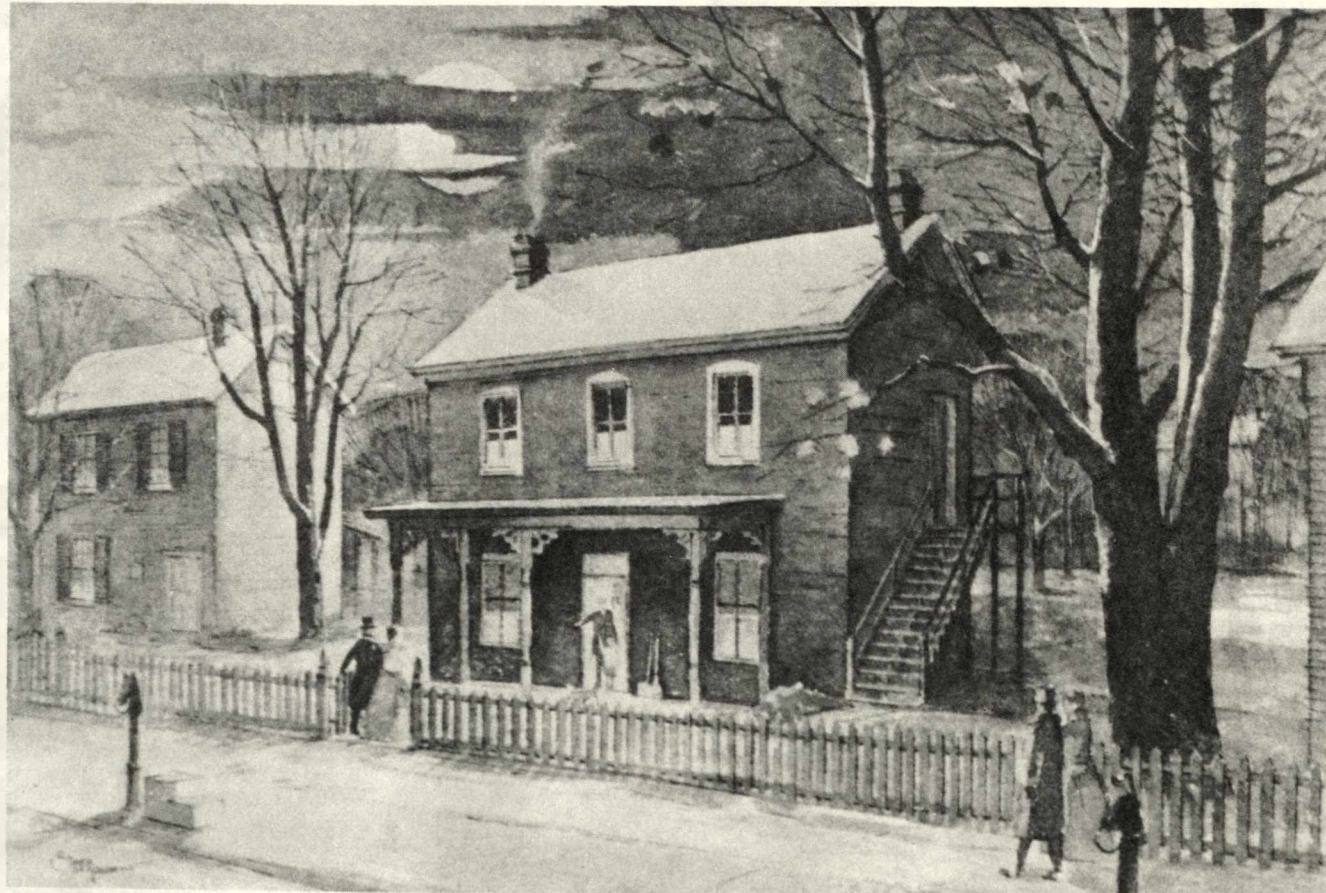
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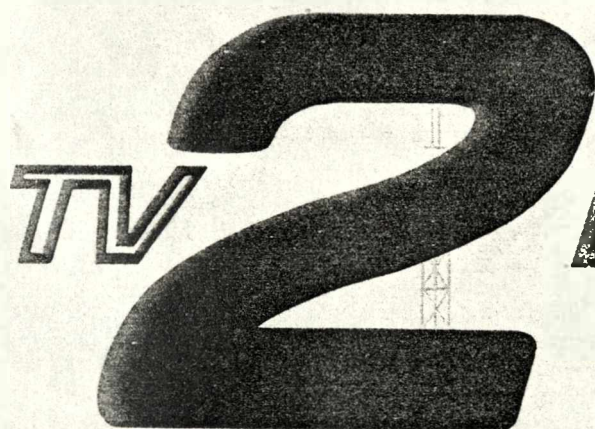


The Preston House

The Preston House is the oldest surviving home in Terre Haute. It was built between 1823 and 1827 by a French merchant from New Orleans and later acquired by Nathaniel Preston. The Dresser home was the birthplace of Paul Dresser, who wrote "On the Banks of the Wabash."

The Paul Dresser birthplace



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Reasonable opportunity to reply to this editorial will be afforded to a responsible person or group representing a significant opposing viewpoint.

June 23, 1972
7:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Terre Haute should preserve some old buildings because of their historical and cultural significance.

Howard Wooden, director of the Swope Art Gallery, has identified several local buildings as worthy of preservation. One such building is the front of the old Terminal Arcade on the north side of Wabash between 8th and 9th streets. Mr. Wooden says so far as he knows this is the only example here of the "Beaux Art" style of the early 20th century which had a strong Roman revival influence.

HELP has suggested that the front of the arcade be restored with a sidewalk cafe on either side to complement the University-Civic Amphitheatre presently under construction one block north. We think it's a good idea. It ought to be done.

John T. Gelder, Jr.

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THIRD HOTEL AT 'CROSSROADS'

Guests Will Be Received Tomorrow, Formal Opening to Be on Friday and Saturday.

The third hotel within a century will be opened for business at the "Crossroads of the World" tomorrow morning when the New Terre Haute House is opened for business. The new structure replaces one that stood for many years, and that structure replaced the old Prairie House at the same location.

The first was just a pioneer hotel, the second was modern when built in the latter part of the Nineteenth century, while the structure that will be opened tomorrow is the most modern of Twentieth century hostels. Not only is the place modern, but it is the largest hotel ever built in Terre Haute and the most beautiful.

The new hotel is a 10-story structure of concrete and steel frame, absolutely fireproof, and finished with yellow brick veneer. It was started about a year ago in May. For the past month sub-contractors have been busy decorating various rooms and installing fixtures.

The hotel has 250 rooms, and all are "outside" rooms. Each is beautifully furnished. The single rooms have a large bed, a dressing table, a desk and two chairs. Fine carpets are laid in every room and the walls are artistically papered with flowery wall paper. Every room in the house has a bath, while many have both bath and shower. Telephones, running hot water and ice water, and circulating air also are included in the equipment for the comfort of the guest.

Dining Rooms on Mezzanine.

From the third to the tenth floors, inclusive, there are nothing but the rooms and suites. All are handsomely furnished and the corridors are also elaborate with soft carpets, settees and lamps.

On the mezzanine floor are the private dining rooms, etc. The large banquet hall and ballroom is on the west side of the mezzanine and its windows open into Seventh street. There are about six dining rooms for meetings on the mezzanine floor and offices of the management also are located there. All around the balcony of the mezzanine floor elaborate lobby furniture is placed, including heavy overstuffed lounges and easy chairs.

There are two entrances to the hotel lobby, one from Seventh street and one from Wabash avenue. As one enters the lobby he at once is overawed by the beauty of the mezzanine arrangement. A balcony encircles the lobby proper and great chandeliers hang from the artistically decorated ceiling. The walls on the lower floor are of paneled

oak. Other beautiful lobby furniture is placed on the first floor.

The clerk's desk is at the north end of the lobby. This is built in and has the very latest modern conveniences of a clerk's counter.

Just to the left of the Wabash avenue entrance are two elevators that run from the basement to the tenth floor. These are the latest type elevators and are very fast. There is a safety device on every elevator door that closes it whenever the operator's hand is removed. A mail chute at the side of the elevators runs from the tenth floor to the first.

The cigar stand that is being operated by William Deschler of Indianapolis is on the right of the Wabash avenue entrance. There are

doors in most of the store rooms facing Wabash avenue opening into the hotel lobby.

Occupants of Shops.

Charles Blanford's men's furnishing store was the first to occupy a store room, while Hornung's jewelry store occupies another. The corner room will probably be rented for a drug store. The Terre Haute Transfer Company will occupy the room next to the Terre Haute House coffee shop in North Seventh street. This company will supply taxicabs and transfer baggage, using the room as their hotel headquarters.

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Haute House barber shop will move in. McGregor's billiard parlor at 709½ Wabash avenue will occupy a large room in the basement.

Opposite the Seventh street entrance is the main dining room. This is a beautifully decorated place and will have ample room for all occasions.

The hotel will receive guests tomorrow morning and the pay roll of the hotel's employees started yesterday. E. L. Wenzel, manager, announced that the hotel employs an even hundred people.

The formal opening of the hotel will be held Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7. The annual meeting of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce will be held on the first night and will be in charge of the local chamber, while the hotel management will have charge on the second evening.

Senator James Watson will be the speaker on the first night at an elaborate banquet and Paul N. Bogart, who spoke at the opening of the Hotel Deming some years ago, will give the opening address. No special program is arranged for the second night, but another big banquet will be held.

Dancing will follow the banquets. Bud Cromwell with his newly organized symphonic orchestra will furnish the music and the dance will last until the wee hours of the morning.

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T.H. STAR

July 1, 1928



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THE TERRE HAUTE STAR



SPANNING THE YEARS—Signs on this historical building, soon to be demolished, show the span of the years with "We Repair Your Buggy While You Wait" and "Everything on Wheels" at the top of the building and "Tiffin's Auto Exchange" and "Quality Used Cars" at the bottom. This building at 101 Wabash Ave., built in 1894, is in the Southwest Development Area. (Photo by Bruce)

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Wheels Of Progress—

Carriages To Cars Story Told In Building Due To Tumble

By FRANCES E. HUGHES
Star Staff Writer

Most of the time during the 75 years a three-story brick building has stood at 101 Wabash Ave., it has been used for manufacture or sale of vehicles on wheels.

Now, the building is another of local historical ones due to be demolished in the Southwest Redevelopment Area.

Still painted at the top of the building is a sign reading "We repair your buggy while you wait," another below it reading "Everything on wheels," and below that "Carriages, phaetons, buggies, carts, bicycles, harness, delivery wagons." These words are painted between the windows on each of the floors of the building.

The signs were painted shortly after the building was built by John S. Durham in 1894. The building was then occupied by the Terre Haute Carriage and Buggy Co., of which Benjamin Wilhelm was president and W. W. Hauck, secretary-treasurer.

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This company advertised it manufactured "fine carriages, buggies, traps, Newport Road

wagons, and high-grade platform trucks." The manufacturers depended on outside trade entirely because it sought large orders at a moderate profit.

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In a souvenir edition of the Terre Haute Express in observance of the 77th anniversary of the establishment of the paper in 1900, space was given to this business. An article about the firm explained the company confined its efforts to spring wagon and truck work.

In 1897 the Post Office Department of the United States insisted that all mail contractors in cities provide themselves with a new and uniform style of screen mail wagon. Dealers of the country competed for the large orders which resulted from the change of the wagons.

The Terre Haute company outbid the others and obtained all the work. More than 400 United States screen mail wagons were placed on the market by the local manufacturers, 65 of them in the city of Chicago alone.

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In 1900 the company provided all of the Southern mail contractors with similar wagons.

Negotiations also were pending then between the company and a foreign company for mail wagons of like design.

Meanwhile, the postmaster general ordered a large number of traveling postal vans for rural delivery use, which were placed in service in large and populous counties. They had complete post office outfits within them and were made for drivers and mail clerks as occupants.

The company also had an order from the Philadelphia Post Office for a large number of mail carts for city collection purposes.

Also in 1900 the company constructed a large number of Army ambulances of the "1900" patterns for the War Department of the United States for service in the Philippines and China. Several hundred of these "Red Cross" ambulances, fitted out with side seats, stretchers, cots and field paraphernalia, were made by the local company. The name Terre Haute was stamped in six places on each ambulance.

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The New York National Guard, not to be outdone by the United States Army, or-

dered its own ambulances built at the Terre Haute factory.

In 1906, A. M. Higgins was trustee of a company making spring wagons in the building. After a couple of years of being vacant, the building was occupied in 1910 by Duncan and Kingsolver, who engaged in selling hides and tallow. Later, this company operated a junk business there.

In 1922, Sam Irby leased the building for Irby Bros., auto dealers, and practically ever since it has been used as a salesroom for new and used cars. Irby Bros., was followed by McCrory's and then by Ranes - O'Daniel, Inc. For a few years in the early 1940s, it was used as a warehouse by Silverstein Furniture Co.

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Since 1948, it has been leased by Tiffin's Auto Exchange. The building was sold by Edward Chaskin and the late Julian Silverstein to the Southwest Development Area a year and a half ago.

Soon Tiffin's Auto Exchange must move to make room for the wreckers. No decisions as to where the business will be moved has been made.

Originally, in 1823, there

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER

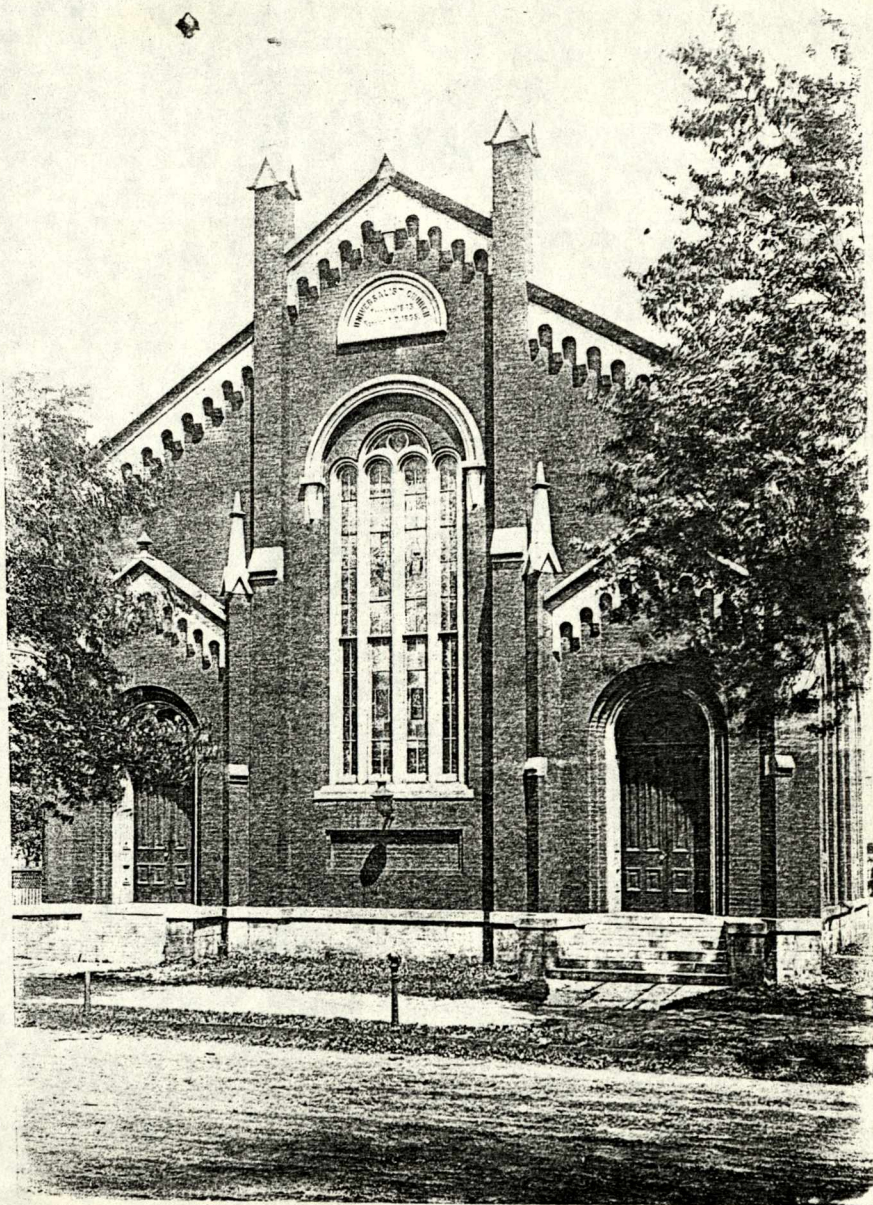
were only 50 horses in Terre Haute. The Eagle and Lion Tavern was located on this site on the southeast corner of First and Main streets. The tavern was built of hewed logs and was weather boarded. At the corner were two posts on which hung a sign representing an eagle picking out the eyes of a lion — representing America tearing England to shreds.

This original sign is now at the Charles H. Ray log cabin complex on the Darwin Road, west of the city.

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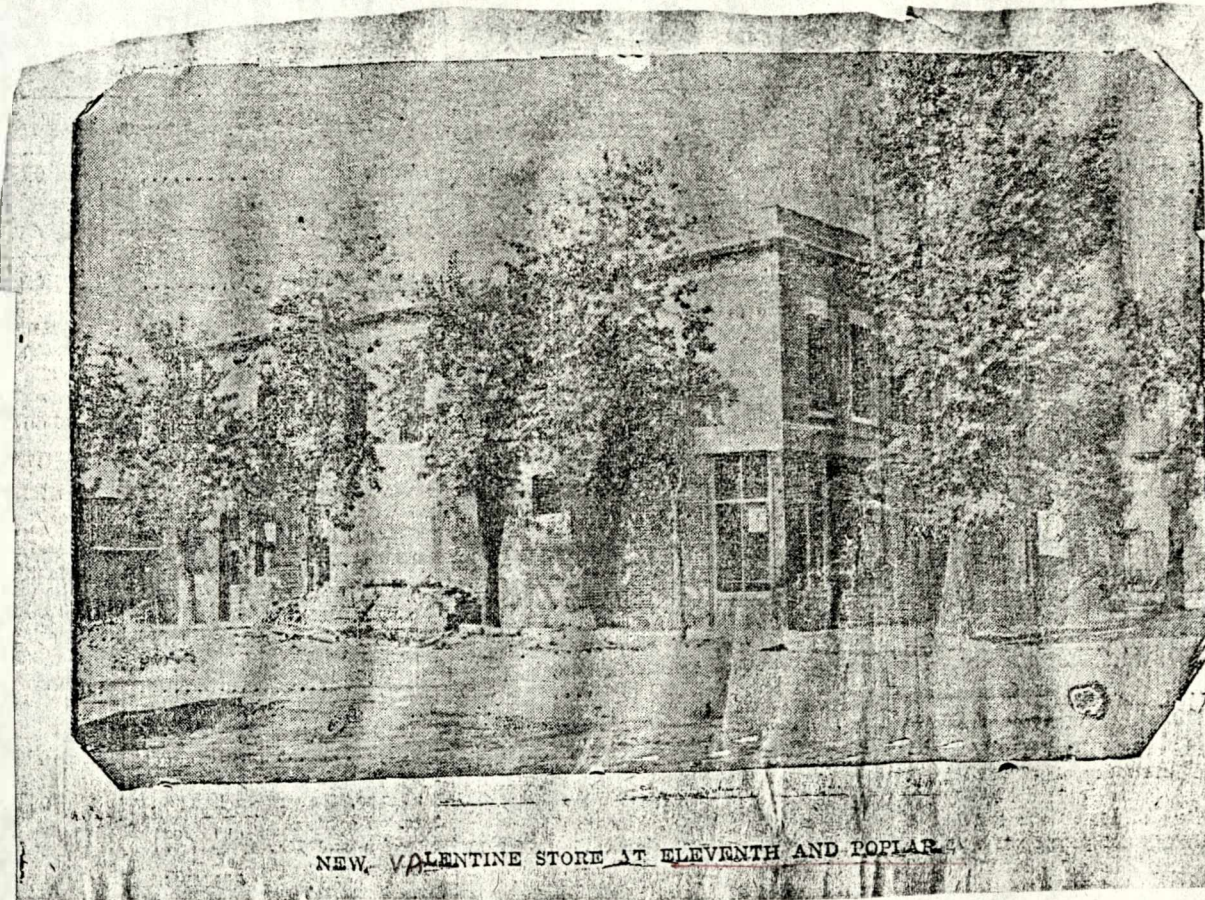
*C. C. Oakley
H. R. Page and Co.
1889*

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This church had been remodeled and a storeroom had been added to the front for business purposes. It was used by Prox and Barget plumbing company in 1936.

For a time (in the 1890's) it was used for the Terre Haute Library.

It was torn down to make way for the Terre Haute Civic (Hulman) Center about 1973.



VALENTINE STORE

11th & Poplar

NEW VALENTINE STORE AT ELEVENTH AND POPLAR

VALENTINE'S NEW STORE.

It is an Ornament to the Corner of Twelfth and Poplar.

One of the new store buildings in the city which attracted much interest during the year is that of Harvey Valentine at the corner of Twelfth and Poplar streets. The plans for this structure were drawn by Vrydagh Brothers and the contract let to Fred Maurer.

The building is two stories high and of brick. Underneath there is an eight foot basement and the first and second stories are twelve feet high. The building occupies a lot 41 by 73 feet, and is built on a foundation 17 inches wide at the base, with walls 13 inches wide. The roof is of Trinidad Lake asphalt and gravel. The outer trimmings of the building are of stone.

The basement contains a large refrigerator for fresh meats and ample space for the salt and dried meats. It is reached by an elevator. The front corner room is occupied by Mr. Valentine's meat shop separated from the rear by the large ice box and a partition. The ice box is 10x14x12 feet. The front room in the other side of the building is occupied by a grocery store.

The floor of the butcher shop is tiled and in both store rooms there is a white oak wainscoting five feet high. The ice box is finished with marble shelves inside and beveled mirrors on the outside.

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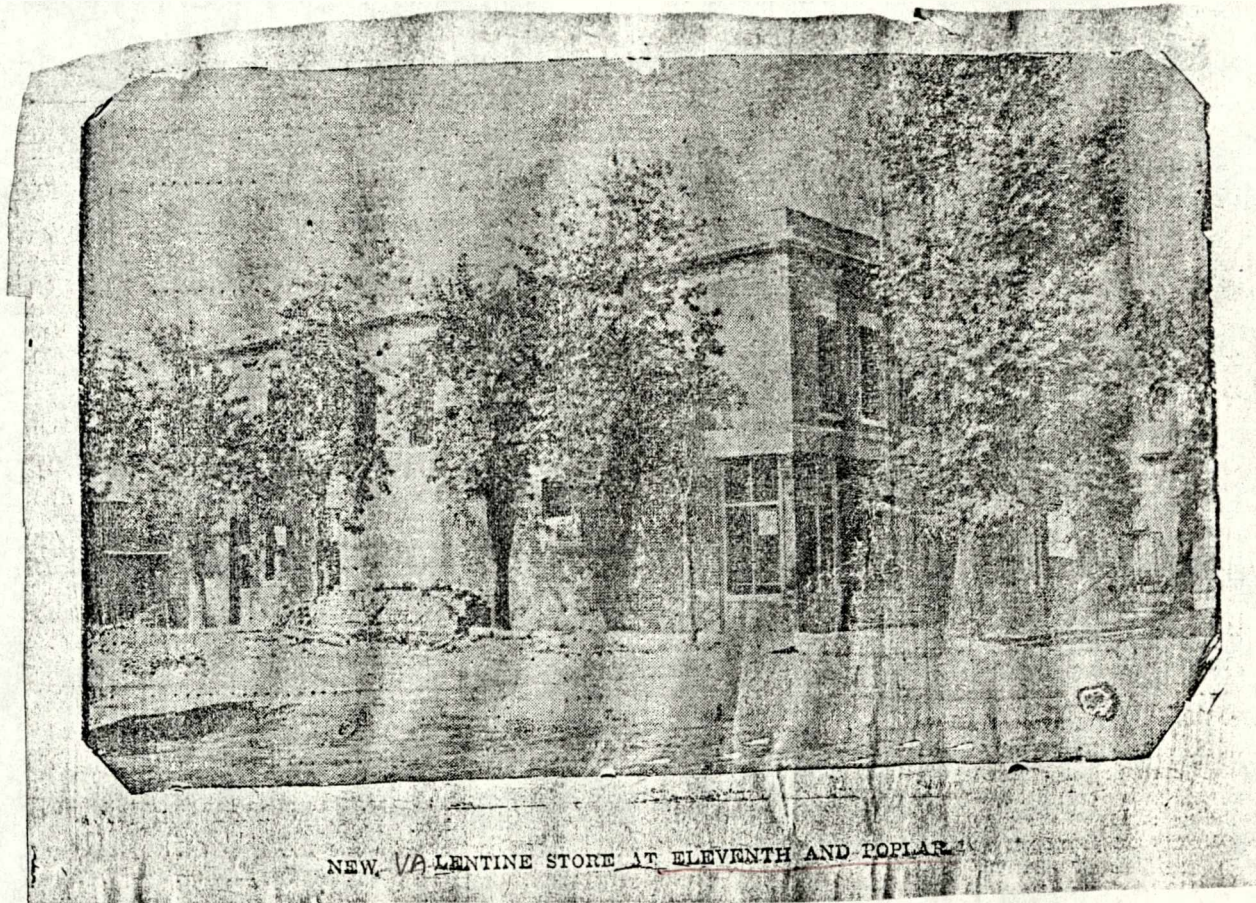
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VIGO ICE AND STORAGE

- West End of Cherry

'Old Ice House'

Scene of Fire

Historic Landmarks, T.H.

A local landmark slated for demolition moved closer to oblivion Saturday evening, according to reports of the latest in repeated runs to the "Old Ice House", at the west end of Cherry St.

"It's the third time we've been called down there in the last month," said one fire official as several crews of firefighters fought the blaze.

Three pumper units were dispatched to the Water St. intersection with Cherry where any ice, other than from recent cold weather, melted long ago.

The rambling, old structure with additions covering roughly the equivalent of half a square block is located across a field expanse on the north leg of the "Y" interchange connecting U.S. 40 and the Wabash River Bridge with Cherry and Ohio Sts.

It was the Vigo Ice and Cold Storage building and large signs on the south wall advertised its availability for sale by a local realtor. Across the street to the east, a newer concrete block building — also large and empty and also for sale — appeared threatened for a time as wind whipped clouds of sparks and debris from the roof of the old ice house, totally aflame.

The fire reportedly was well under way by the time of the alarm and firemen wrestled long stretches of hose several blocks to the nearest fire hydrant before much headway could be made against the raging blaze. When the wind was right, the heat of the inferno was noticeable nearly a block away.

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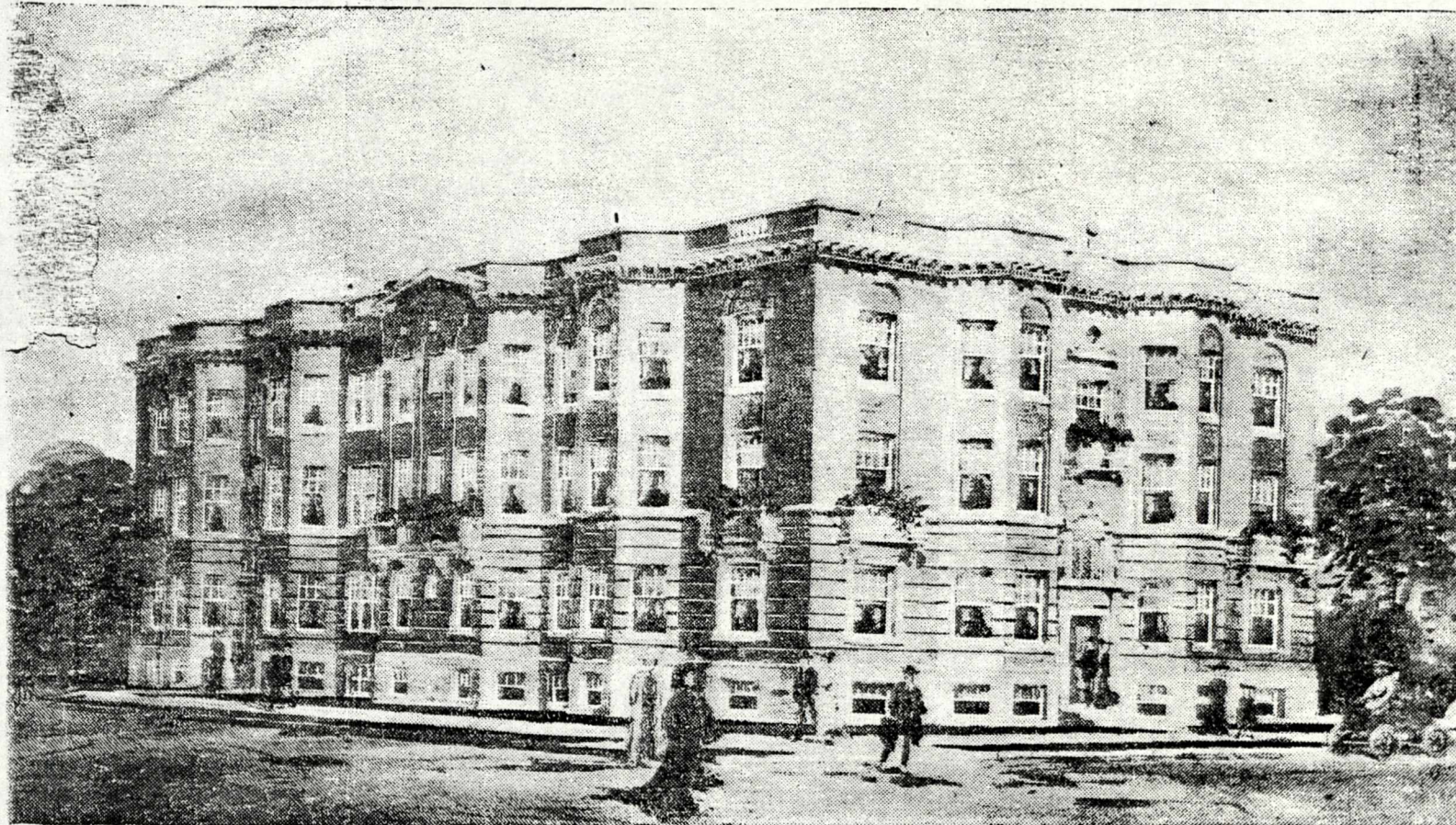
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(W.V.) WALDEN APARTMENTS

*One of Terre Haute's New Apartment Buildings.**HISTORIC LAND MARKS (W.V.)*

J.H. Star

Je 25-1904

THE "WALDEN APARTMENTS."

In process of construction at the southeast corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets by Thomas Lawes, of Danville, Ill.

Since of rapid construction in building industry may be cited in the new "Walden Apartments" now being erected by Thomas Lawes, an old resident of Terre Haute, of Danville, Ill., at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut street. The building was but recently broken for foundations of the building, but in the short space that has elapsed since substantial progress has been made and it is promised that the work will be pushed through to completion.

The building, when completed, will be the handsomest addition of recent years to Terre Haute architecture and the most modern of apartment buildings, being thoroughly metropolitan in its construction and having all the latest improvements designed for the comfort and convenience of high-class tenants.

The "Walden" will be of three stories, with a high basement, finished in brick and stone, and will consist, outside of the basement, of twelve apartments, six of six rooms each, and six

of five rooms. The high, roomy basement will contain, in addition to living apartments for the janitor, four laundries and a store room for each apartment in the building. The exterior of the building is of pressed brick and stone, and the interior finish is all of oak, with tile floors, bath rooms and vestibules. The stairs are of marble, and each apartment will have built-in sideboards, china closets, bookcases and consoles. The building will be fitted throughout with gas stoves and supplied with steam heat and hot

and cold water. Hardwood floor also one of the features of every room in the apartments.

The clever design of the architect makes it possible for every room in the building to have outside light. Walls between each apartment provide protection in case of fire. Special tubes and electric bells are run through each apartment from the vestibule. The building is also provided with front and rear staircases, affording easy access to the apartments. It is also a special entry to the rear apartments.

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Ottawa Creek Township—A, Fred
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away; B, Ira D. Andrews.
Sugar Creek Township—A, Thomas
Dermody; B, Chester Church.

WILLIAM P. HOLMES,
JEREMIAH BLOCKSOM,
S. F. REESE,

Board of Commissioners of Vigo
County.

Attest: JEROME W. DENEHIE,
Auditor Vigo county.

September 30, 1904.

THE WALDEN APARTMENTS.

Corner Seventh and Chestnut streets.
Six and seven rooms with bath, hot and
cold water, steam heat, janitor service,
consoles, sideboards, gas stoves, etc.
furnished. Rooms will be decorated to
suit tenant—to be ready about October
1, 1904

I. H. C. ROYSE COMPANY, AGENTS.
517 OHIO STREET.

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"The Spectator"

Levee Route, Ind. Oct. 1, 1904

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Coach Wooden's former ISU home dunked by wrecking ball

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If legendary basketball coach John Wooden ever comes back to Terre Haute to see Walden Apartments — the place where he and his wife Nell once lived — he'd never find it.

The place at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets is now in the last stages of falling to the wrecking ball. Former Indiana State University basketball coach Wooden lived in the three-story apartment complex in the late 1940s before he went on to coach the University of California at Los Angeles to 10 NCAA titles, a feat

that remains a record.

ISU bought the building around World War II and used it as a woman's dormitory and in recent years to house some of the university's home education programs.

"We're knocking it down and it'll be a grassy park area," said Orin Dahl, ISU vice president of development and public affairs. Dahl described the building as worn-out and not worth the cost of renovating. "It has served the university well for many years."

Cost of the demolition project is \$69,500. Officials estimate the

building was constructed around 1915. They don't know who it is named for.

Retired ISU Graduate School Dean Jacob Cobb lived there with his wife, Peggy, next door to the Woodens. "Most of the people who lived there worked at the university," he said. "It was comfortable, convenient to the college, downtown and churches."

They were in a bridge club with the Woodens. "They were congenial neighbors," Cobb said of his now-famous neighbor.

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WATTON INN TO PASS FROM VIEW

Landmark On Lafayette Road
Soon To Be Missing From
the Scene.

T.H. Tribune
3/16/47

Workmen a few days ago began razing the Old Watton Inn, one of the landmarks of Vigo county. It stands at the intersection of Lafayette and Haythorn avenues, and Contractor O. E. Baber, who is in charge of removing the landmark, said yesterday that the house is three miles north of Terre Haute on the Lafayette road. He said that some of the joists and rafters are in an excellent stage of preservation.

Mr. Baber said that the Old Watton Inn will be replaced by a modern country place which will be occupied by Dr. R. H. Wade.

The home was built by William Hall, who came directly to this locality from England in 1844. It was known as Watton Cottage Inn. Cattle raisers made this inn their stopover as they drove their herds to market. On the south side of the house is an old kitchen with an open fireplace where the cooking was done. The scars still show where hot pans and kettles were set on the floor and burned in it.

J. N. Phillips purchased the inn in 1877 for a home and at his death bequeathed it to his son Ranson B. Phillips. Ranson, as his friends called him, was a well known farmer and was very active in politics in Vigo county until his death in 1936. He left his widow, a son, Robert, and one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Wade, of Hammond, Ind. It is a curious circumstance that Mrs. Ranson Phillips' mother was a daughter of William Hall from England. Mrs. Phillips with Robert and fam-

ily continued to live in the old home until her death in 1944. Robert Phillips and family recently moved to their farm on Ft. Harrison road.

It is said to be fitting that the daughter, Mrs. R. E. Wade, should wish to build her home on this traditional spot. Mrs. Wade and husband, Dr. R. H. Wade, dentist of Hammond, Ind., and their three daughters, Judy, Jane and Jill, will occupy the new modern home when it is completed. The Wades recently flew to California and now are vacationing in San Diego and Mexico.

Some years ago Janet Peddle made a series of sketches of Vigo county landmarks. Watton Inn was among these and the above is a reproduction of the sketch in the paper.

Old Watton Inn Reaches End of the Road

Historic Landmarks (T.H.)



LANDMARK ON LAFAYETTE ROAD BEING REPLACED BY MODERN FARM HOME.

HONOR WAR HERO FROM DIM PAST

3/16/47

Citizens Gather At Woodlawn
Cemetery To Mark the Grave
of Joshua Patrick.

The long overlooked grave of a Revolutionary War veteran was the scene of ceremonies at Woodlawn cemetery Sunday afternoon when the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolutionary dedicated an appropriate marker.

Joshua Patrick, a fifer with the troops fighting for America's independence who also served in the war of 1812, was the honored soldier.

Those presiding included officers of the S.A.R., President Frank L. Richart, Secretary A. R. Markle and W. T. Cheney. A gathering of citizens heard an address by Mr. Markle, who told how the old soldier came to be buried at Woodlawn. He said:

"Three hundred years ago, the high land upon which we stand today gave its name to Terre Haute and marked the boundary between the two French provinces of Canada and Louisiana.

"Our English cousins, with some help from their colonists decided on

bloody Plains of Abraham that this territory was to be English alone and after the organization of the United States, Virginia, oldest of the Colonies, ceded her lands north-west of the River Ohio to the new government.

The sale of these lands by the Federal Government paid the bills of the Revolutionary War, the first actual property of the new government from which were paid the pensions or the grants of land to the soldiers who had won the fight for freedom.

"In the earliest laws providing for the survey and sale of these lands, it was provided that among other reserved lands, the sixteenth section in each township was to be held for the benefits of public schools. We stand here on one of those sections.

"A commissioner for the school sections advertised the sale of lots in this section in early 1839 and the town council appointed a committee to attend the sale and try to arrange for the purchase of several lots for a burying ground. The commissioner held that no other method was open but a sale and the committee without any authority whatever bought the four lots lying between the present Second and Fourth avenues and First and Third streets and gave an order on the town treasurer for the amount of the sale. It is needless to say that the town council authorized the action and Woodlawn cemetery came into being.

"Contracts were let for the clearing of the forest trees that covered the ground in the southeast section and for using the timber to build a fence around that lot.

"Around us are the resting places of our pioneers, the men and women who built the community from its village days to its growth into a city—merchants, carpenters, flatboat men, millers, masons, rope-makers, distillers, stage drivers, inn keepers, lawyers, ministers, judges, soldiers, sailors, farmers, ambassadors and senators, even representatives, all with their six feet of earth, long gone to dust.

"Here before us lies one who died in the taking of this land from England, who fought her in wars and at last came to this land with his family to sleep in soil he helped to win. Today do him homage after more than a century. Here lies Joshua Patrick, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION."

The Watton Inn—An Early Otter Creek Landmark

The Watton Cottage Inn, one of the earliest inns in Vigo county outside of Terre Haute, was built in the 1840s by William Hall. The inn stood



THE WATTON INN—one of the early inns in Vigo county—was located at the corner of Lafayette Rd. and Haythorne Ave. It was built in the 1840s and torn down in 1947. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Wade is now on the site. Photo courtesy of the Vigo County Historical Society.

at what is now the northwest corner of Lafayette Avenue and Haythorne and was a stopover place for cattle raisers driving their herds to market. The original structure was razed in 1947 and the home of Dr. R. H. Wade was built on the site.

William Hall came to the United States from England in 1844 and immediately settled in Otter Creek Township. He first built a small log house on the site and the large cottage was built later.

In 1877 the inn was purchased as a private home by J. N. Phillips and, at his death, his son, Ransom Phillip— inherited the local landma. Ransom Phillips was a farmer and was active in local politics until his death in 1936. He served as Otter Creek Township Trustee for several years.

After the death of Ransom's widow, who was the granddaughter of William Hall, in 1944, the property was purchased by Julia Phillips Wade and her husband, Dr. R. H. Wade. They built the present modern home on the site.

An advertisement in the June 22, 1858 Terre Haute **Daily Union**, tells of the Watton Cottage as being a meeting place for a procession to the community 4th of July celebration.

The article says: "The citizens of Otter Creek will celebrate the coming 4th of July, on Saturday, July 3. A picnic dinner will be served up in the grove near the Otter Creek bridge, five miles north of Terre Haute. An oration will be delivered on the occasion by Mr. I. M. Brown. The delegation south of the bridge will meet at the Watton Cottage, and the delegation north of the bridge will meet at the Union Church, from which points a procession will be formed by the Marshals of the

Day and conducted to the stand in the grove. E.A. Phillips, D. Strange, and E. Mills, Marshals of the Day.

The Committee of General Arrangements: H. B. Mills, L. Watkins, C.B. Tuttle, A.J. Cox, W. Johnston, C. T. Hobbs, N. Walmsley, F. Markle, B. Evans, H. Evans, A. H. Genung, L. C. Mills, F. C. Coppage, S. Walker, R. Briggs, H. Creal, J. Rogers, J. Merydith, A. Ellis, S. J. Dickerson, A. Creal.

The announcement adds further that "the committee will meet on Friday, the 2nd of July, 1858, at 1 o'clock p.m. to arrange tables and seats. A punctual attendance is desired."

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*Art Object
of the Week*

WORRELL BUILDING

Although much altered from its original appearance and most often passed by unnoticed, the small corner building at 20 South 7th Street remains one of the most charming 19th century structures in the downtown area of Terre Haute. It was constructed in 1885-1886 as an office building for Jonathan P. Worrell, a well-known "occulist" and "aurist" in late 19th century Terre Haute. The building, designed in the then popular Victorian Gothic manner, is well adapted to the narrow corner site and is a relatively simple structure of red brick with some white stone trim. Today the entire surface of the street front is painted white. Of particular interest are the recessed panels within the projecting square corner section, the zig-zag brick corbel moulding beneath the roof eave and the picturesque slate-covered mansards, one above the angled corner and one over the south entrance.

The Sheldon Swope Art Gallery will close for the season next Thursday, July 31, at 5 p.m. Beginning today and for the remainder of the summer, the Art Object of the Week will deal with some of the 19th and early 20th century architectural works of distinction standing in Terre Haute.

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Terre Haute Tribune-Star, July 27, 1975.

Parking lot to replace old YWCA

By SHANNON MADDY
Statesman Staff Writer

Workers began Monday demolishing the old YWCA Building, 121 N. Seventh St., which is being replaced by a University parking lot.

"This is one building in town that should not have come down," said an unnamed construction worker at the site.

Other Terre Haute residents have expressed the same sentiments. However, no one was

able to save the building.

"It is an absolute tragedy that this has happened. We have lost a sense of the past," said Rebecca Johnson, a member of the committee which tried to stop the demolition of the building.

The old YWCA is a remnant of an era in Terre Haute history. The building served the community from 1908 until 1976 when the organization moved to its present home at 951 Dresser Drive.

The old building provided many firsts for Terre Haute. It had the only indoor pool for many years and offered the first domestic science classes in the city. It also provided Travelers Aid.

The building possesses "architectural and historical significance," said Bill Selm, consultant and survey coordinator for Terre Haute Civic Improvement, Inc. The building is typical of turn-of-the-century architecture. The old YWCA is historically significant because it was important to a community for so many years, Selm said.

One group tried in vain to save the old building. Four Terre Haute women (Johnson, Beverly Christee, Susy Trueblood and Gloria Wright) formed a corporation in order to move legally to purchase the old YWCA.

Plans were already underway in early fall for the University to purchase the building and tear it down for a parking lot. President Richard Landini gave the committee of women a 60-day period in which to obtain funds to purchase and renovate the building.

The group wanted to convert the building into condominium apartments on the third floor, offices on the second floor and specialty shops and a restaurant on the ground floor.

Developers were brought in to

research the building and give estimates. The final word was a cost of \$1.2 million dollars to renovate the structure.

The group mounted extensive efforts to obtain funding and finally found an organization that was excited about the proposed renovation. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) urged the group to put in an application for grants.

However, Landini's 60-day deadline arrived. The University administration refused to grant the group a 90-day extension to obtain necessary funding.

Instead, plans were solidified to demolish the YWCA building and install a University parking lot. "It will cost the taxpayers more money than if the group had bought it," Johnson said.

"We would have brought more to downtown than a parking lot," she said.

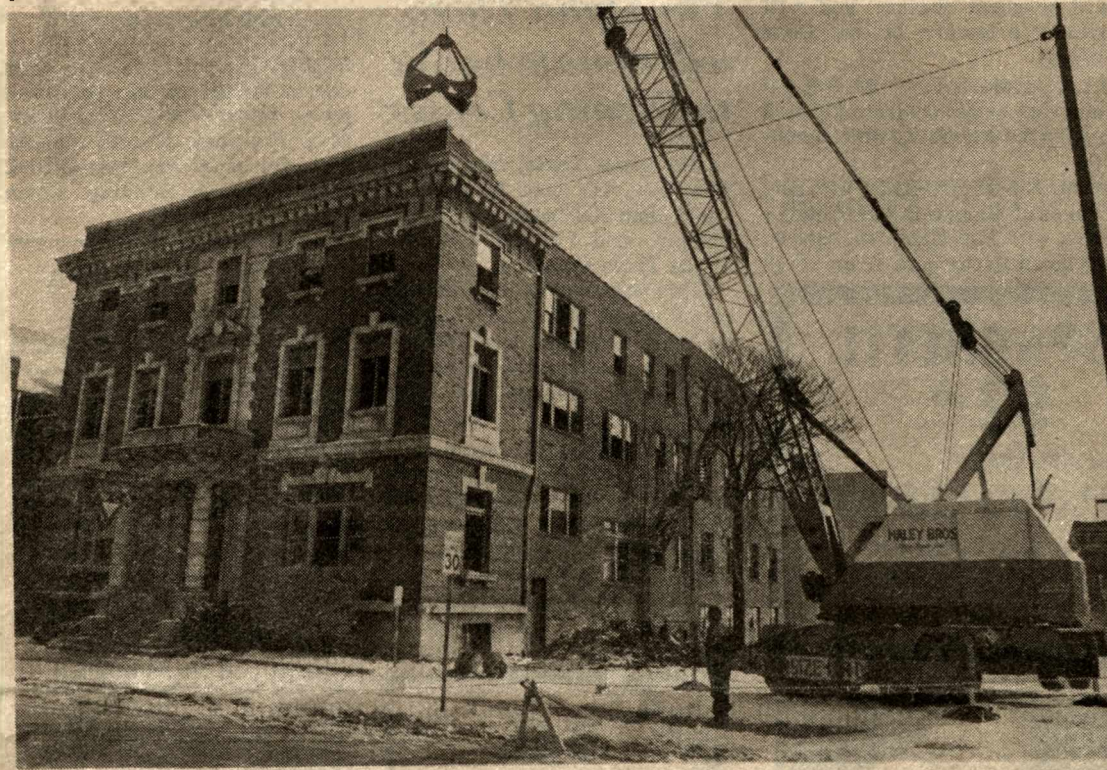
The University will get minimal parking out of the area--approximately 20 spaces. "That is the tragedy," Johnson said. "Our idea had quality," she added.

William Pickett, president of the Vigo County Historical Society, said the YWCA story is an example of what will happen to other downtown buildings if funds aren't available.

"It's too bad new uses weren't found and resources made available to support the YWCA Building," Pickett said. "Public support for the downtown area" has to be shown "by writing of checks," he said.

Selm, of the Terre Haute Civic Improvement Inc., said, "People have to be made aware that they

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First bite

The process of razing another Terre Haute building began yesterday when Haley Brothers Construction Company started leveling the YWCA

Building located on North Seventh Street. (Photo by Garth Francis)

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can do something about the buildings" in the downtown area.

Selm is in the process of surveying and rating the quality of downtown Terre Haute buildings. The purpose of his research is to place these buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

Placement on the National Register will give a building "notoriety" and will provide limited federal funds for renovation, he said.

After his research is completed, Selm will nominate high-quality buildings for listing on the National Register. The old YWCA building placed very high on the rating scale and had a good chance of being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, Selm said, "If they're tearing down a building, I can't nominate a vacant lot."

Selm advocates a revitalization of the downtown area and calls for "more discrimination in the destruction and demolition of the buildings."

He foresees using the renovated buildings as offices, small shops, dance studios and the like. He would like to see many of the upper floors converted into loft apartments.

Funding for renovation could come from basically three

sources: Federal Urban Development Action Grants; the National Register of Historic Places and a central community fund.

The central fund is the most important aspect, Selm said. He advocates starting an organization which will buy old buildings threatened with demolition. The endangered buildings would be revitalized and sold to new owners. The sale would replenish the money in the central fund.

However, the initial money has to be provided by the community.

Selm insists that downtown Terre Haute buildings are assets rather than liabilities. Downtown has character, but not a "pretentious, **manufactured**

character," he said.

"Downtown was built by the fathers and grandfathers of this community. The buildings are a definite part of this community. They are a continuity with the past," Selm said.